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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Making Sure Of Safe Roads

FOR the second time this year a carload of people have gone over the edge of the Praya into the harbour and drowned. The February tragedy, it will be recalled, resulted in the death of six people in similar circumstances only about half a mile from the point of last night's accident. It is pointless, however, simply to deplore the most unfortunate coincidence; pointless, too, to make the empty assertion that this ought not to have happened. The fact is that even with the best possible system of precautions, accidents occur.

But the question that must be asked is: are road safety precautions for the driver really adequate? And to answer it properly one has to go beyond Connaught Road West; it is a question that should be tested on every mile of road in the Colony where there is a possibility of a similar accident occurring.

That is all the public can ask. If the driver is at fault, as long as there are proper safeguards, no reasonable blame can be attached to the authorities. On the question of road safety there are a few observations to be made on the stretch of Connaught Road West on which last night's accident occurred.

IT will be recalled that following the February tragedy, railings were erected along part of the road. Anyone who has seen them will agree that they constitute an adequate safeguard. And it would be hard to see how a fit and responsible driver could go over this part of the Praya now. He could, perhaps by driving his car at full speed at the barrier. But even then it would be difficult and the driver could no longer be regarded as responsible.

The jury investigating this accident also recommended more street lighting. Last night's accident occurred on a stretch of Connaught Road West, in a godown area between two gates that are apparently rarely if ever closed. The Praya is not protected. And the lighting can only be described as token. The road is quite wide and there are several jetties serving godowns opposite, but there are also many open spaces.

BEYOND the eastern gate, from Centre Street to the Star Ferry, a dense concentration of junks or railings make it very difficult, though perhaps not impossible, for an accident to occur. But to return to Centre Street: if traffic is not to be diverted from this section at night to follow the tram route around the godowns and the gates closed (and it may be hard to justify this action on a public road) would it not be sensible to do two things: extend the railings along this section, and install good lighting on both sides of the road?

It is pointless to excuse the lack of precautions by saying that accidents of this kind are rare. Perhaps they are but the safeguards are still needed. Nor is it any use saying that drivers ought to be familiar with dangerous roads. Recent accidents show that some are not. A thorough check of all dangerous and exposed sections of the Colony's roads would surely be worthwhile to ensure that safety precautions are quite adequate: this must be considered a fair demand by the driving public.

THE PRESSURE IS ON

US Asked For Decision On China Trade Embargo

WASHINGTON CONCERN OVER PROBLEM

Washington, May 13.

Japan, Britain and at least half a dozen other allied nations are pressing the United States for a decision on increasing Western trade with Red China, Administration officials said today.

Unless some action is forthcoming soon, these countries may decide to step up shipments to and from China on their own, experts here said. This would amount to destruction of the seven-year-old agreement barring shipment of strategic goods behind the Iron Curtain, they said.

These officials left no doubt that the Administration is split over what to do about the problem: By agreeing to relax international controls, it would be certain to arouse a storm of protest in Congress.

The United States itself has no trade with Red China and doesn't plan any. But the voluntary trade controls system established in Europe and Asia operates on a unanimous agreement basis.

The issue assumed international prominence when British Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden conferred at the White House with President Eisenhower more than three months ago. The President and his advisers agreed to review Far Eastern trade "now and periodically." Sir Anthony was interested in clearing rubber and a long list of manufactured goods and materials for export to Red China.

Delay in acting on allied bids for more trade with the Reds results from failure within the Administration to find some compromise of conflicting views between various government agencies. Defence officials have been particularly reluctant to approve any major increases in trade with Red China.

Action by the top-level National Security Council, presided over by the President, has been complicated by strong congressional pressures against any relaxation. A Senate Committee only recently undertook an investigation of the Administration's decision two years ago to agree to more trade with Russia and her Eastern European satellites.

Approval of more trade with Red China probably would spark an even bigger investigation. But indications are that the allies won't wait and that some sort of compromise will have to be worked out.

Officials cited a recent move by Britain to sell tractors to Red China. The British informed the United States of the sale after it was completed. This action is regarded here as a British warning that the trade issue cannot be put off until after the November elections —as some Administration officials hope can be done.—United Press.

Right-Wing Party Just Fails To Get Absolute Majority

Vienna, May 14.

Final preliminary distribution of seats after completion of the second count was: People's Party 82, Socialists 75, Freedom Party 5 and Communists 3 seats.

These final results, which are subject to revision by the Ministry of the Interior but are not expected to change much, show that the People's Party has just failed to secure an absolute majority.

If all the other parties were united, they could defeat it by one vote in the House. But as the Freedom Party, which has five seats, is definitely a "bourgeois" anti-Marxist party such a combination is not probable.

But the People's Party majority is not great enough to allow them to try to rule alone and the results are considered in political circles here as proving that a new coalition of the two great parties will be essential.—Reuter.

Russia To Abolish Internment Camps

Moscow, May 13.

All internment camps in the Soviet Union will be abolished within a year or eighteen months, a senior official of the Ministry of Internal Affairs (MVD) told a group of French socialists today.

The official disclosed this when he accompanied the group on a visit to a corrective labour camp at Tula, 80 miles from Moscow, which is run by the MVD.

The official said that in future there would be only two types of detention — in ordinary prisons and in "corrective labour colonies."

Unlike the internment camps of the past, it would be forbidden to send the inmates of such camps to work on projects outside them.

TRIAL BY COURT

The official said that as a general rule, deportation of prisoners would now be forbidden, though it could still be applied to those convicted of specially grave political crimes.

But this would be possible only after trial by a normal court.

Corrective labour colonies would contain factories within them in which the convicts would work.

The official said that a special commission set up to revise cases of people sentenced for political, and counter-revolutionary crimes as well as crimes against the state had been ordered to finish its work and fully rehabilitate innocent people by October.—Reuter.

Actor Gravely Injured

Los Angeles, May 13.

Film actor Montgomery Clift was seriously injured early today when the car he was driving struck a telephone pole as he was going home from a dinner party.

Mr Clift, 35, suffered severe facial cuts and bruises, a broken nose, and a possible brain concussion, his doctor said. He was taken to hospital.

Police said the car Mr Clift was driving was almost completely wrecked.—Reuter.

Pro-Germans Win

Saarbruecken, May 14.

The three pro-German parties of the Saar today swept out of office the majority of mayors and district councils installed under the former pro-French regime of ex-Premier Johannes Hoffmann.

It was the first municipal and communal election held since these parties were licensed last year.

With nearly all votes counted at midnight the three pro-German parties received 70.1 per cent of the votes compared to only 23.2 per cent cast for Herr Hoffmann's Christian People's Party. The Communists received six per cent. —Reuter.

Marshall's Gloomy Broadcast To People Of Singapore

"A WEEK OF ANGUISHED SOUL-SEARCHING"

London, May 13.

Mr David Marshall, Chief Minister of Singapore and leader of the all-party delegation to the constitutional conference in London, said in a recorded broadcast to Singapore on Saturday:

"Your delegation has had a week of anguished soul-searching. I personally am convinced that it would be wrong, very wrong, and very dangerous to our health, to accept half measures.

"We must have an end of colonial rule, sovereignty in normal times in our territory, or nothing at all.

"Today and on Tuesday, we again face squarely the final decision on the main issues. By Friday and certainly not later than next Friday, there will either be a general agreement or a concrete breakdown.

This last week has been the most difficult so far, with the probability of worse to come. There has been very heavy weather from the Colonial Office with strong undercurrents of differences within the delegation.

"There has been some progress made on the basic framework of the constitution, and considerable progress on the issues of a single Singapore citizenship on a parity with all other Dominion citizens, as well as on Malayanisation and the public services commission. On the main issues, however, there is a jagged barrier-reef across the whole horizon as I see it.

"This week, President Eisenhower is reported to have said in respect of another matter that, no agreement is better than a bad agreement.

"With that attitude, I am in wholehearted support. I believe that in the context of our existing conditions and the grave threat of organised malice, half a bridge is worse than no bridge. It is imperative for our stability that we return to Singapore with the full reality of Democracy.

Fatal "Stencil Democracy"

"In the normal course of Colonial history, every forward step has been considered a worthwhile advance: and from that point of view, what is being offered to us now by Her Majesty's Government is an appreciable advance.

"But in the unique circumstances of Singapore today, a stencil democracy would be fatal to the long-term survival of Democracy....any agreement that compels us to come back to England for more would undermine the stability we must establish, and the principle of racial harmony and inter-racial respect between East and West, which is the very heartbeat of a healthy Singapore.

"If we return to Singapore with half measures and immediately campaign for more, as we must, it will be very difficult to control the currents of racial antagonism — and once racial antagonism comes to the surface, we are finished—that will be the end of peace, of prosperity, of any hope of truly healthy growth. And if Democracy is associated with this process then there can be little question of establishing Democracy in Singapore."—France-Presse.

Frogman's Death

EDEN'S 3 DEMANDS

From CHAPMAN PINCHER

London, May 14.

The case of frogman Crabb is to be thrashed out by the Combined Intelligence Committee—Britain's highest authority.

At this secret meeting of chiefs of MI5, the secret service and the Forces intelligence departments, the facts of how Lionel Crabb died under Russian warships in Portsmouth harbour will be disclosed in full.

The purpose of the meeting is to meet the three demands from Sir Anthony Eden which are an essential part of the "disciplinary action" he has taken to prevent any repetition of such an embarrassing situation.

Demand No. 1 — the experts must find some way of allowing closer political control by ministers over intelligence without stifling the initiative of agents, or spreading information too widely.

CLOSER CONTROL

Demand No. 2 — there must be closer control by the intelligence chiefs over what is happening in their departments.

Demand No. 3 — the system whereby "free-lance" agents like Crabb are employed by the intelligence departments must be reviewed and tightened.

The committee may decide the only solution will be to follow the United States lead and appoint a highly influential man as overall chief of the intelligence departments.

Britain's joint intelligence bureau, headed by Sir Kenneth Strong, functions as the central clearing house for intelligence information, but exercises no control over policy.—London Express Service.

Collective Fines

Nicosia, May 13.

The Governor of Cyprus, General Sir John Harding, today imposed collective fines totalling £5,000 on two areas of the town of Paphos in western Cyprus. Numerous attacks against British troops have been made there in the past few months.—France-Presse.

BULGANIN'S PROPOSAL TO JAPAN

Moscow, May 13.

Marshal Bulganin, Soviet Premier, last week suggested that Japan and Russia should exchange ambassadors and establish diplomatic relations instead of waiting for a peace treaty, Japanese sources revealed here today.

The sources said that Marshal Bulganin suggested this on Wednesday when he saw Mr Ichiro Kono, Japanese Agriculture Minister, negotiating a fisheries agreement with Russia, at an interview in the Kremlin.

Japanese sources said they were planning to leave for Tokyo on Tuesday unless the Russians inform them tomorrow that they are willing to put the short-term fisheries treaty into immediate effect without political conditions.—Reuter.

Robot Operates Film Performance

West Bromwich, May 13.

The first automation cinema programme in Britain — and possibly the world—was shown to an unsuspecting audience at the West Bromwich Queen's cinema here.

The "robot" put on the lights, opened the curtains, and switched on the sound. The film appeared. The operation went off without a hitch.—China Mail Special.

Europeans Shoot Down Moslems

Constantine, May 13.

European residents, panicky from ceaseless extremist attacks, tonight shot to death six Moslems and wounded four.

The shooting began at 6 p.m. in the Jewish quarter and lasted half an hour.

The incident came 24 hours after armed European vigilantes had joined hundreds of troops, gendarmes and policemen to give chase to infiltrating rebel commandos in the Jewish district and the suburbs.

A total of 19 Moslems, most of them terrorists, were killed and 27 persons, including three gendarmes, were wounded.

Sirens wailing on top of the Municipal Theatre building sent troops racing to key points minutes after gunfire was heard on the Rue de France.

CROUCHING FIGURE

Europeans sitting in an open-air cafe opened fire when they saw a crouching figure who they said was a terrorist preparing to toss a grenade.

The ten Moslems were shot while racing for cover down the busy avenue.

Motorised Army units patrolled the tense city of 116,000 population to guard against possible rioting of the Moslem populace. The East Algerian capital and the surrounding area have been under a state of siege since last week's massive rebel strikes against European farms there.

Meanwhile, in the Western-most city of Algeria, troop reinforcements took positions in and around Tlemcen amid unconfirmed reports that a 2,000-strong rebel army was closing in on Algeria's religious capital, to try to conquer it and there proclaim an independent republic under the clandestine movement, the National Liberation Front.—United Press.

British Communist Party Loses

Its General Secretary

HARRY POLLITT RESIGNS

London, May 14.

Mr Harry Pollitt, Britain's top Communist, today resigned his job as General Secretary of the British Communist Party because of ill health.

Party officials announcing this resignation, said that their 65-year-old leader would continue as their chairman.

Mr Pollitt will be succeeded in the office he has held for 26 years by Mr John Gollan, his assistant, who has been a prominent figure in the Party's executive.

Mr Pollitt has told his executive committee that he must take "a complete rest" on the advice of his doctor.

He added: "It would be unwise of me to continue in the future to carry out all the duties involved in the position of General Secretary."

In accepting his resignation, the Party executive today recorded "its deepest appreciation" for his leadership and asked him to take over the office of chairman, which he accepted.



HARRY POLLITT

Mr Pollitt's resignation caused an immediate reshuffle among the Party leaders with Mr William Gallacher, 74 year-old Party chairman and former Communist member of Parliament, being made President.

The changes followed the British Communist Party's biennial congress last month when Mr Pollitt was criticised by many of his followers over the Moscow moves to destroy the Stalin myth.

Mr Pollitt, a life-long supporter of Stalin, was reported in some political circles to have his position endangered by the Soviet renunciation of their former idol.

But at the congress the Communist Party, representing 34,000 members, recorded its full confidence "in the Soviet Union, its people and the Communist Party of the Soviet Union."

Shortly afterwards, Mr Pollitt declared in a speech that Joseph Stalin had abused his power as he grew old. He added however: "I believe he will remain for all time one of the great Marxist thinkers and one of the strongest leaders in the Soviet Union."—Reuter.

Razor-Slashing Affair

BOOKMAKER CHARGED

London, May 13.

The police here today charged a 32-year-old bookmaker, named Francis Davidson, with assault and battery on Jack Comer, known as Jack Spot, king of London gangsters. The charge was made after interrogation lasting 20 hours.

Jack Spot was the victim of a razor attack in the heart of London 10 days ago and had to go to hospital where he had 80 stitches put in.

Since then the police have been systematically combing through gangster haunts in the Soho and Elephant and Castle districts of London. Finally they arrested Davidson as he was about to leave the country by air.

Jack Spot, a gang-leader, protected certain bookmakers in return for payment from gangs who tried to rob them. The result has produced an underworld war for some time, which the police have been anxious to halt.—France-Presse.

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JETS CRASH AT SEK KONG

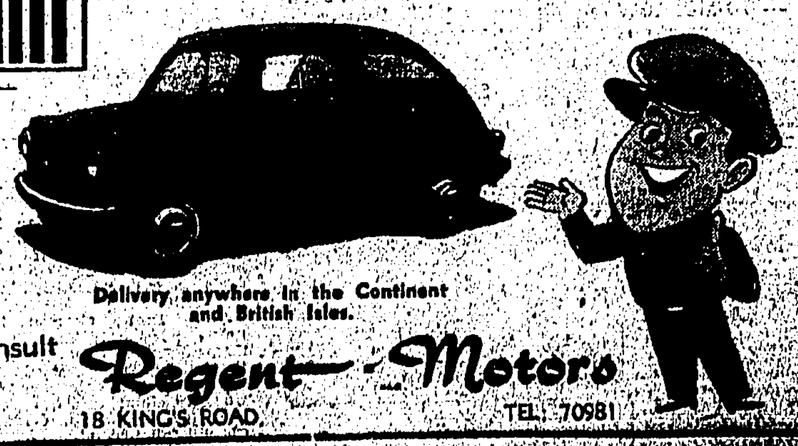
Shortly after 11 a.m. today two Venom jet fighters were taking off from the RAF strip at Sek Kong when the leading aircraft collapsed on the runway.

To avoid a collision it is thought that the second pilot pulled his aircraft into the air before he had reached flying speed. The result was that his plane sialled off the ground some distance from the end of the runway.

The plane caught fire, and the pilot died from his injuries.

The pilot of the leading aircraft, F/Lt. A. Madden, was uninjured.

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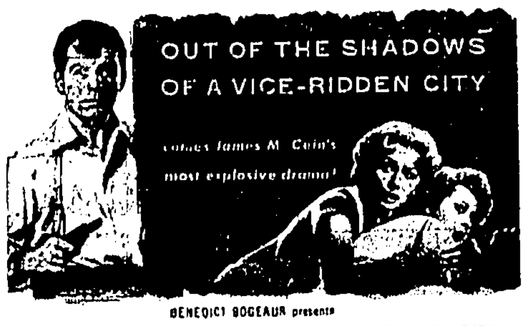
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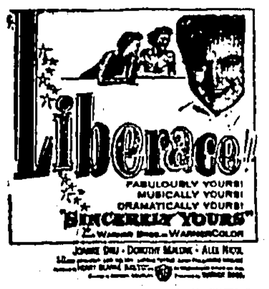
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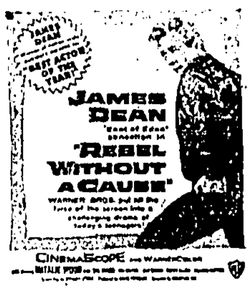
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Hammarskjold Hints At Way To Solve Mid East Problem

By John Herfferman

New York, May 13.

A return to "quiet diplomacy" in the Middle East rather than public debate in the United Nations Security Council was hinted at by Mr Dag Hammarskjold, the United Nations Secretary-General, in Press conference statements over the weekend supplementing the report on his recent mission.

The Secretary-General hopes that Israel on one hand and the Arab states of Egypt, Syria, Jordan and Lebanon, on the other can be persuaded to "play down" border incidents, which he conceded are inevitable in the next few weeks, so that the ceasefire agreements can be given a chance to work.

Once again, Mr Hammarskjold gave public expression to his confidence in the desire of the Israeli and Arab states to work towards peace.

Friendly Co-operation

The Secretary-General would not go so far as to confirm that he was advising the major powers to adopt "hands off" policy in the suggestion in his report that they refrain from trying to "impose solutions from outside."

He said that he thought the parties concerned should be given "friendly co-operation" but that it would not be helpful if they were told "from the outside" what they should do.

The United States would like to see another early meeting of the Security Council take steps to maintain the "momentum" of Mr Hammarskjold's mission. It is the United States view that Mr Hammarskjold has a "continuing role" to play.

He was emphatic in saying that he was not willing himself to make any recommendations on what should happen next. But he did assure all parties that they could have the Secretary-General's co-operation if they wanted.

Obviously Hoping

Another impression Mr Hammarskjold left with correspondents was that he could not see the value of a Security Council meeting in the near future. This view is shared by several other members of the Council, although others are known to be of the opinion that the Council should at least meet to record its satisfaction with the results obtained by Mr Hammarskjold.

The Secretary-General is obviously hoping that progress can be made on local arrangements in regard to the "sore" spots—the El Auja demilitarised zone between Egypt and Israel; on Lake Tiberias between Israel and Syria; and the Jordan-Israel border.—Reuter.

PARSON WITH MIDAS TOUCH

Perth, May 13.

A clergyman here who gave away £150 to his congregation has had the investment returned five-fold.

The Rev. J. Darnall, pastor of the Gospel Lighthouse Church, Perth, handed each member of the congregation £1 to use as a "talent."

Within a month he was handed £750 which will help to pay for a new church.

Most successful financiers were a couple who turned £1 into £37 by running a home bakery.—China Mail Special.

MOSCOW ATTACKS NATO

Paris, May 13.

The Soviet Tass news agency today published a statement strongly attacking the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

The statement, broadcast by radio Moscow said: "The Soviet Union, as well as all other peaceful nations is against NATO. It condemns this aggressive bloc and will continue to do so.

The statement referred to the last meeting of the NATO foreign ministers in Paris earlier this month and attacked "the attempts of NATO organisers at giving it certain economic aspects and to justify it by the so-called Soviet menace."

Tass said that regardless of "camouflage", NATO was "an aggressive bloc, contrary to the interests of peace" and represented a danger to the peoples of Europe and Asia alike."

"The fact that the Soviet Union had not been allowed to join NATO proves its aggressive character," the statement declared.—France-Presse.

Opium Found In Bus

Kuala Lumpur, May 14.

There were no claimants for 10 pounds' weight of opium, found in a bus travelling from here to Kuantan today.

A senior police officer found the opium in a basket.

He confiscated it and none of the passengers came forward to admit to owning it.

There were no arrests.—Reuter.

New East German Divorce Law

Berlin, May 13.

East German women can gain a divorce if their husbands prevent them from taking a job or participating in public life.

The East German trade union newspaper Tribune said that under the new family law these husbands would be guilty of grossly violating women's equal rights, which is a major ground for divorce.—China Mail Special.

Churchill Returns

London, May 13.

Sir Winston Churchill and his wife arrived by air at Biggin Hill airport in Kent today from Aachen in West Germany.

Sir Winston received the Charlemagne "European" award at Aachen. He also met President Theodor Heuss and Chancellor Konrad Adenauer while in West Germany.—France-Presse.

London, May 13.

The wife of a farm labourer, Mrs Gladys Deeks, has received £350 sterling from the British museum for a ninth century Anglo-Saxon ring she dug up in her garden.

She and her husband thought it was brass.—China Mail Special.

ANTI-POLIO CAMPAIGN



Britain's campaign against poliomyelitis took an historic turn this month when the first British children to be injected with anti-polio vaccine received their shots in clinics throughout the county of Middlesex. Picture top shows—group of mothers waiting with their children outside the Middlesex Council (Central Hendon) Clinic; at bottom, nine-year-old Linda Berry sits on her mother's lap as she receives her injection from Dr M. Bodkin, Middlesex County Council's Area Medical Officer.—Express Photo.

Yugoslavia & France In Agreement

Belgrade, May 13.

President Tito said here today on his return from his state visit to France that he had found Yugoslav and French views to be identical on disarmament, aid to underdeveloped countries, and relations with Eastern Europe.

He told a crowd assembled at the station square after stepping out of the presidential Blue Train that he had met "great understanding in France."

"We spoke openly on all problems. We told them our opinions on all problems and they did the same."

Doubts Dispersed

He had found understanding about relations with Eastern European countries as French leaders realised that to improve relations meant a contribution to peace.

There was no place for doubt that French-Yugoslav links, strong in the past, did not exist any more. On the contrary, these links were closer now.

President Tito said he had found a warm welcome and sympathy when he passed through Italy and Switzerland. "Our visit was a journey of peace and we have great friends in all these countries."

This was because the aim of his visit accorded with the aims of Yugoslav foreign policy, with efforts for co-operation among nations on an equal basis and for maintaining peace.

Great Pleasure

It had been easy to dispel any doubts that Yugoslavia was now changing her foreign policy "because the people over there understand us."

On the other hand it had been a great pleasure to find that in certain problems he completely agreed with the French statesmen, particularly over aid to backward countries.

Also he agreed with the French that it was necessary to make all efforts to achieve progress in disarmament although by that he did not mean they had gone into details as to whether the disarmament problem or other international problems should be solved first.

Government Members

President Tito who was accompanied by his wife, drove off to his residence in the garden suburb Dedinje after the speech.

President Tito was welcomed at the station by Mr Mosha Pijade, President of Parliament, Mr Edward Kardelj, senior Vice-President and members of the Government.

Mr Koca Popovic, Foreign Secretary, who was present at the talks with the French Government, returned with him.—Reuter.

German Flag Torn Down

Hanover, May 13.

Four British soldiers were arrested by the military police at Hameln in Lower Saxony today after they allegedly had pulled down a West German flag, tore it to shreds and tossed it into the Weser River.

The soldiers were said to have hauled down the flag from atop the life-saving headquarters in Hameln. When German police chased them, they tore the flag and hurled it into the Weser, the police said.

The soldiers, whose names were not given, were arrested shortly afterward by the British military police. All four were stationed in Hameln.—France-Presse.

QUEEN'S & ALHAMBRA

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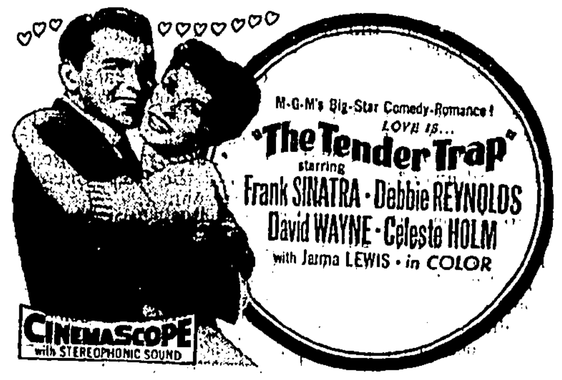


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Heavy Casualties In Algeria

REBELS INFILTRATE INTO CONSTANTINE JEWISH QUARTER

Algiers, May 13.

At least 24 persons have been killed and nearly 50 injured in acts of terrorism and in clashes between rebels and security forces in Algeria this weekend.

The highest casualty figures came from Constantine, the third largest city in the country, where rebels infiltrated yesterday into the Jewish quarter and hurled a bomb into a restaurant, injuring all ten customers.

Streets Deserted

In the ensuing battle between rebels and the police, 19 persons were killed and another 27 were injured as firing continued up and down narrow winding streets, with the rebels dodging in and out of shops.

Security forces kept a battery trained on the Rhumel Gorge, one of Constantine's natural gateways, through which the rebels attempted to converge on the city.

The fighting died down during the morning, leaving the city streets mainly deserted. A few people ventured out for church but hurried home immediately the services ended.

Elsewhere in Algeria, there were killings, kidnappings, arson and sabotage. A young European girl, who was out for a walk with her young man in the market place at Oran, was struck down by two revolver shots and seriously wounded.

Vines Destroyed

A Moslem was found with his throat cut in Kachina, where another man was wounded and a third kidnapped. Near Beni Mouscut, a security patrol stopped a ten-year-old Moslem girl and found in a basket she was carrying a large quantity of ammunition.

Outside Board: Menadel all 7,000 vines in a French Moslem owned were destroyed.—France-Presse.

Girl Eats With Feet

Freetown, May 13.

Two-year-old Elizabeth is the wonder girl in her village, Tammahun, in Sierra Leone.

She was born without hands but she has learnt to eat with her feet. She performs various simple tasks for herself and has been accepted as a playmate by the other children in the village.—China Mail Special.

Communist Brainwashing Investigation

Washington, May 13.

Chairman John L. McClellan announced today he will ask the Senate Permanent Investigating Subcommittee to hold open hearings aimed at correcting "serious misconceptions" about Communist brainwashing techniques.

He said he feels that the thoroughness with which the Communists carried out the "operation" during the Korean War and since "and the inhumane methods which they used should be exposed." Mr McClellan said the Defence Department has agreed to cooperate in these hearings.

The Sub-committee staff already has questioned witnesses in closed session. A full force of the Senate Sub-committee headed by Sen. Charles E. Potter held hearings on the same subject in 1953 when the Republicans were in control of Congress.

GAIN UNDERSTANDING

Mr McClellan said that "a great deal has been written on the subject but there are still serious misconceptions and a basic misunderstanding of this Communist programme."

"It is felt that through public hearings the Sub-committee will gain an understanding and inform the public of how the so-called brainwashing programme operates and, most important, how it may be counteracted in the future," he said.

Mr McClellan, in announcing that he will ask the Sub-committee to vote open hearings on the subject, said "the technique employed by the Communists indicates that a well thought out programme was put into effect regarding American prisoners of war" in North Korea.

VIOLATION

He said "much of what occurred was in violation of the Geneva convention."

Mr McClellan said the Sub-committee also will look into treatment of American civilian prisoners still held by the Chinese Communists.

"The many phases of the programme from personal mal-treatment to intensive indoctrination or schooling resulted in numerous cases of prisoners signing peace petitions and false confessions," Mr McClellan said.—United Press.

Columbus, Ohio May 13.

Police here have held a 30-year-old woman who was alleged to have poured a caustic cleaning solution over her husband while he slept.

The husband was in hospital with serious burns over a large part of his body.

Doctors said he might lose the sight in both eyes.—China Mail Special.

CATHOLIC STUDENTS PROTEST

Buenos Aires, May 13.

CATHOLIC student demonstrators, about 2,000 strong, today marched through the streets of Buenos Aires to protest against the resignation of the Minister of Education, Attilio Del Oro Maini.

The Minister announced his resignation from Lima, where he is attending an Inter-American meeting of education ministers.

He tendered his resignation after student organisations hostile to his policy, had occupied schools and university buildings as a protest.

This action led to clashes between Catholic and anti-clerical students in Cordoba and Buenos Aires, in which 22 students were injured.

The anti-clerical students' objection to Del Oro Maini's policy is the recent Government decree authorising the creation of private universities, run by Catholic organisations.

If the Government accepts the resignation, it could be serious trouble, since the Church and most Catholic organisations might joint the opposition.

The Government is also faced with a 24-hour strike of bank and insurance company employees for higher wages, fixed for tomorrow.—France-Presse.

Wells Better Than War Statues

Belgrade, May 13.

Yugoslavs are complaining about stereotyped, mass produced war memorials and monuments which have little if any artistic value.

Complaints have appeared in the Press that it was only too common to see bronze or stone soldiers, workers and peasants in fake heroic attitudes, with outstretched arms, contorted face muscles, and ridiculous expressions meant to be heroic but which in fact were pathetic.

Few of the 15,000 memorials which villages in a postwar monument mania had set up in their main squares had any artistic pretensions. They were mostly cast or sculptured in what amounted to mass production.

REPULSIVE

Such monuments "are repulsive rather than moving," the Belgrade newspaper Politika wrote. Though the intention to set up a monument to the National Liberation War was fine enough, the results often falsified history with their mock heroism.

Politika suggested that village communities would have done much better to spend their money on building memorial schools, or houses of culture or wells as memorials.

Monuments were sometimes found in outlying villages where there was not even a water supply.

It urged that in future public competitions should be held for the design of new monuments, to be judged by a jury who understood something of art and the needs of the people.—China Mail Special.

Moroccan Army Sworn In

Rabat, May 13.

The Moroccan army comes into existence today in a formal swearing-in ceremony in the Sultan's palace courtyard.

The Sultan's son, Prince Moulay Hassan, who is chief of the new army's staff, will read the oath that the first 15,000 soldiers will repeat after him.

Best Proof

Tomorrow the troops will stage an impressive march past.

The forces are mostly made up of the former French army Moroccan troops which have been handed over to the new state with their equipment and their leaders including French non-commissioned and officers.

"Our army will be the best proof of our independence," the Sultan said yesterday, "and the best defence of the national dignity and integrity of our country."

The new Moroccan army was busy last night trying on its new beret, the only thing different from the French uniforms. It is a green beret with a red ribbon and the cherifian star.

Besides 10 battalions of 9,600 former French Moroccan troops there is a battalion of sharpshooters, 650 artillerymen with 18 cannon of 105 mm and 250 men manning seventeen 13-ton tanks and 17 armoured vehicles.

The tanks are manned mostly by French soldiers. The French officers will wear the flat cap of the Moroccan officers.

Some 2,000 men arrived Saturday morning from the Spanish zone. They are Mehallas troops with their Spanish officers. They came in brand-new trucks.

French Pilots

Reports that uninvited Moroccan liberation army soldiers would come to the parade and try to participate were denied by Moroccan officials.

But several bands of former rebels were reported to be marching toward Rabat.

Officials said France had also given Morocco a number of planes which will zoom over the parade on Monday with the cherifian colours—green star on a red background.

French pilots will pilot these planes until Moroccan pilots have been trained.—United Press.

GLIDING RECORD

Paris, May 13.

France's Major Fontelles today broke the world gliding record to a fixed destination.

He left Troyes (Southeast of Paris) this morning and landed this afternoon at Dax, after covering 670 kilometres (about 415 miles).

The previous record was 636 kilometres (about 394 miles).—France-Presse.

Pest-Catching Contest

Djakarta, May 13.

More than 6,000 schoolchildren in Surakarta, Central Java, declared war on the town's flies, mosquitoes and rats during a campaign to make them health conscious.

The authorities organised a pest-catching contest with prizes paid on the delivery of squashed insects and dead rodents.

The children produced 197,652 flies, 31,350 mosquitoes and 1,104 rats.—China Mail Special.

Substituting For The Queen



The young lady in the picture is Miss Caroline Sale, Daughter of the Crown Equerry. She is shown substituting for the Queen at a rehearsal of the Trooping the Colour ceremony. She is mounted on Atlanta, one of four horses from which the Queen's mount will be chosen for the big occasion.—Central Press Photo.

Russians Realise War Out Of Question

Washington, May 13.

The presidential aide, Mr Harold Stassen, said today that Russian officials now realised that war could not be regarded as a means of settling disputes in this age of atomic and hydrogen weapons.

Mr Stassen, President Eisenhower's adviser on disarmament, said on a television programme that the new Soviet attitude stemmed from the "summit" meeting between Russian leaders and President Eisenhower in Geneva last summer.

Right Balance

He said that since that meeting the Russians were "just as aware as we are of what a tragedy a war would be in this modern age."

Mr Stassen also said the Administration was re-examining its foreign aid programme in an effort to see how much more emphasis should be put on economic aid rather than military to offset Russia's economic penetration of underdeveloped areas.

He emphasised that it was difficult to obtain "the right balance" between economic and military aid.

He also said that the shipment of American arms to Israel now would be "against Israel's interest and against peace" in the Middle East. He said that an Arab-Israeli arms race "would increase the danger of war" in the area.

Mr Stassen was questioned about his recent disarmament talks with Soviet officials in London. He said he was "hopeful and prayerful" that a disarmament agreement eventually would be reached. He said some progress was made in London, but a "big gap" still remained between Russian and Western disarmament views.

He said the Russian refusal to accept Mr Eisenhower's plan for aerial inspection was the biggest roadblock to an effective disarmament programme. But he held out hope that the differences eventually would be resolved.

Mr Stassen reminded his listeners that the Russians repeatedly refused to participate in the President's "atoms for peace" programme before finally agreeing to join the international atomic agency.—United Press.

US Vehicle Registrations

Washington, May 13.

Some 62,760,395 motor vehicles were registered in the United States last year, an increase of 4,197,145 on 1953 and more than twice the total for 1945, the Federal Bureau of Public Roads reported last night.

The total included 52,173,234 motor-cars, 10,331,912 commercial lorries and vans and 255,249 buses. California was the biggest car-owing state with 8,189,022 registrations.

New York was second with 4,642,728.—China Mail Special.

Alexandria, May 13.

Ten thousand Arab boys scouts are expected to attend the second Arab Jamboree to be held at Abukir, near Alexandria, from July 25 to August 4, the Egyptian Boys Scouts Association announced here.

Many boys scouts will come from distant Moslem countries, from Morocco to Indonesia.—China Mail Special.

Republicans Jubilant Over Ike's Health

By Paul Scott Rankine

Washington, May 13.

President Eisenhower relaxed at his Gettysburg farm today in good spirits after a highly favourable medical checkup—expected to be his last before the presidential election in November.

The Republican Press today gave jubilant banner headlines to the doctors' report which showed the President as having recovered from his heart attack last September.

There were strong overtones of presidential election politics in the White House presentation of the "head-to-toe" report, with all its technical but intimate details—the most complete ever issued on the physical condition of a United States President.

Limitations

The Republicans hope that this complete if unconventional frankness will offset the attempts of Democrats to use the President's health as an issue in the election campaign.

But the Democrats are concentrating not on the actual health of the President but on the limitations he has placed on his activities in order to preserve that health.

Democrat spokesmen therefore continued over the weekend to play on the theme that the United States in these critical times needs a full time working President rather than a part time semi-retired chairman of the board of directors.

Republicans, now in a mood of jubilant confidence, are not particularly worried by these charges.

They know that President Eisenhower is one of the most popular presidents in recent times, and it is rare for the electorate to reject a president who seeks re-election after only one term in office.

Television Time

In addition the Republican Party has immense funds at its disposal to drive home to the American people that Mr Eisenhower's Administration is responsible for the current atmosphere of peace and prosperity.

They have already contracted for more than two million dollars (£714,000 sterling) worth of radio and television time for the President, who has said his health will not permit him to stump the country in numerous personal appearances.

Democrats are pitifully short of such funds. They have also to resolve basic differences between southern conservatives and northern liberals and must await three months until the party convention determines their candidate.

The leading Democratic candidates, Mr Adlai Stevenson and Senator Estes Kefauver, are at present campaigning for the support of the key state of California at the party convention.

The rival Democratic candidates, lacking any new issue to enliven their campaigns, are not attracting nationwide interests, however.

They continue to debate such well worn issues as the plight of the farmer, the Middle East question, segregation, and civil rights.

Defeated Dewey

But even the most jubilant Republicans show that much can happen in the next six months to discredit the basic Republican theme of "peace and prosperity."

They also remember the upset of 1948, when President Truman, despite a very much deeper split in his party than is discernible today, soundly defeated the highly favoured and over-confident Republican candidate, Governor Thomas Dewey.—Reuter.

WOMAN'S ANGLE

Melbourne, May 13.

Mrs Janet Hollis of Bendigo, Victoria sat holding a fishing line in Lake Weroona one summery day when a fisheries inspector walked up.

"Your name?" asked the inspector.

"Janet Hollis," she replied.

"Where is your licence to fish?" asked the inspector.

"I'm not fishing," she replied. "I'm only holding the rod for my husband."

After her husband had told the court that he held a fishing licence Bendigo police court magistrate said: "I'm afraid I will have to give the lady the benefit of the doubt." He dismissed the charge against her for fishing without a licence.—China Mail Special.

Melbourne, May 13.

People in the state of Victoria appear to be forgetful, according to the list of lost unclaimed property set down for sale by the Victorian Railways.

It includes an inner-spring mattress, 13 sacks of brown coal, meat skewers, a portable oil engine, a radio, a pair of jeans, a motor car body, six large tins of jam and a set of automobile shock absorbers.—China Mail Special.

FIGHT WITH DEADLY SNAKE

Durban, South Africa, May 13.

Mr Lawrennce Searle, aged 20, caught a 6ft 4in black mamba in his bare hands and struggled to keep it coiled round his neck for three hours until help arrived.

He was walking alone beside a canal near Durban when he saw the black mamba slithering into the canal. He followed and attacked it with his bare hands.

After a difficult struggle in the water he managed to get a grip on the snake's head. He wound its length round his neck and with one hand grasping the Snake behind the head and the other the tail, carried it to a nearby house, from which help was called.—China Mail Special.

Even Worms Forget Like Humans

San Francisco, May 13.

Certain marine worms are just like humans, Mr W. J. Coppock, a graduate student in the Department of Psychology of the University of California has decided. His research has disclosed that the worms will learn, forget, and then remember again.

Mr Coppock's research was concerned with what psychologists call "extinction" and "spontaneous recovery" of common sand worms.

Extinction may be defined as "forgetting" and spontaneous recovering as "remembering."

Mr Coppock taught four worms the trick of swimming out of a glass tube to get food whenever a light was flashed on them. They learned quickly, responding to the light within 30 seconds after fewer than 20 lessons.

FOOLED THEM

Next, Mr Coppock taught the worms to forget the trick. He fooled them—flashing the light and withholding the food. Soon they forgot that a flash of light once meant food. They remained in their glass tubes, waiting for their two regular meals each day.

Mr Coppock then suspended his experiments for two days. Then he flashed the light again. The worms emerged from their tubes although they did not receive food.

"They remembered the trick they had been trained to forget," he said.

He hopes this type of work will enable him to find out more about the relationships between the structures of an organism's nervous system and its behaviour.—China Mail Special.

POLICE BAND LEAVES FOR BRITAIN

Kuala Lumpur, May 13.

The Federation of Malaya police band left Kuala Lumpur today in a chartered airliner for a four-month tour of Great Britain.

Among the band's many appearances will be performances at the Edinburgh Festival and before the Queen.—Reuter.

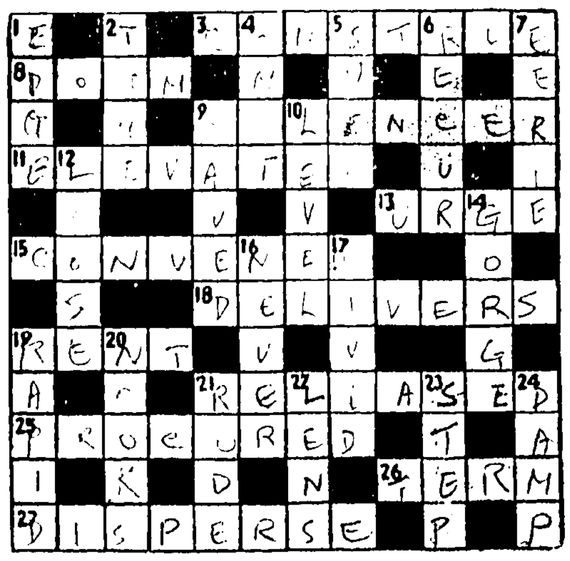
THAI ARMY CHIEF IN UK

London, May 13.

General Luay Chulayudn Yangung Yangung, Chief of Staff of the Thai army, arrived in London by air tonight from Bangkok on a three-month official visit to Britain.

At London Airport the General said through an interpreter that the purpose of his visit was to study the methods and organisation of the British Army. Four officials of the Siamese forces arrived with him.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

3 Translate word for word (8).
8 Destiny (4).
9 Gag (8).
11 Exhalted (8).
13 Press (4).
15 Called together (8).
16 Hands over (8).
19 Torn (4).
21 Set free (8).
25 Obtained (8).
26 Period (4).
27 Scatter (8).

DOWN

1 Border (4).
2 Volume (4).
4 Leave out (4).
5 Prosecuted (4).
6 Be repeated (5).
7 Unearthly (5).
9 Rescued (5).
10 Flat (5).
12 Slack (5).
14 Eat greedily (5).
16 At no time (5).
17 Plunged (5).
19 Swift (5).
20 Recesses (5).
21 Discourteous (4).
22 Optical glass (4).
23 Walk. (4).
24 Moist (4).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Candid, 4 Romps, 7 Retained, 8 Unity, 9 Exiled, 11 Emerald, 13 Intrude, 15 Ascend, 16 Strut, 19 Reliable, 20 Salve, 21 Seeped. **Down:** 1 Carve, 2 Drawl, 3 Denuded, 4 Reduce, 5 Meditate, 6 Swayed, 10 Interval, 12 Measles, 13 Issues, 14 Untrue, 16 Chase, 17 Dread.

East German Non-Communist Leaders Criticised

Berlin, May 13.

MEMBERS of the Liberal Democratic Party — the largest non-Communist Party in East Germany — are for the first time in years publicly criticising their leaders for co-operating with Communists.

Growing dissatisfaction came to light in a recent public debate, organised by the party and reported by its newspaper, Der Morgen.

One of 300 members attending stated bluntly that he disagreed with the party leaders' approval of the building-up of socialism—the main programme of the ruling Socialist Unity (Communist) Party.

Some speakers doubted whether the East German drive for socialism served the interests of the middle classes represented by the Liberal Democratic Party, and others criticised the party line for a lack of "Liberal Democratic ideologies."

Herr Manfred Gerlach, the Secretary-General, replied that socialism followed its own law and could not therefore be approved or rejected. Party leaders had decided to support socialism "because it gives a secure future—and a bright future also—to the middle classes."

Dr Hans Loch, the party chairman, complained that many party members linked Liberal ideologies too closely to ideas about their own personal advancement. ("Nowadays, liberalism has been degraded to a mere slogan," he said.

A party member commented that he did not mind under what form of society he lived as long as he was well off. One could not be satisfied after comparing butter prices in East and West Germany. (Unrationed butter in East Germany costs nearly three times as much as it does in the West).

Herr Gerlach explained that the split of Germany had "faced us with the difficult task of developing basic industries and branches of heavy machine building."

During the first postwar years, these projects had been a heavy burden on East Germany's economy but now they had become "the key to the way upwards."—China Mail Special.

SINGAPORE IN THE BALANCE

"MERDEKA" MARSHALL MEETS FIRM STAND

By Harold James

OF all the problems with which the Colonial Secretary has wrestled since he has been in office none—not even Cyprus — has presented greater difficulties than Singapore, whose future is at present under discussion in London. For Mr Lennox-Boyd is torn between two principles of Conservative colonial policy . . the grant of self-government to a dependent territory, and the safeguarding of Britain's strategic interests where these are of vital import.

Again, Singapore is not only Britain's responsibility. Australia and New Zealand and the United States, in the long run—are concerned in the fate of this island colony, which is one of the few strategic stepping stones between the Mediterranean and the Pacific.

It assumes even greater significance following recent events in Ceylon. There, as a result of a change of government, the British naval base at Trincomalee and the RAF air base at Katunayake may well be lost to the Commonwealth.

With both Ceylon and Singapore off the map as strategic points in British control, there is not much left in the Indian Ocean. It follows that both Aden and Mombasa would grow in importance.

MALAYA'S FUTURE

The latter—which has been useful in two world wars—could well be developed both as a base for the fleet and for an oil refinery. But it is not centrally sited, like Singapore.

Equally interested in the London talks will be Tunku Abdul Rahman, Chief Minister of the Federation of Malaya. Indeed, his presence in London might have been helpful; for, as the Manchester Guardian put it: "If in Singapore there should come into power either a Communist governor or a government conducted chiefly in the interests of China, the Federation would be in great danger. If Singapore was used as a base for subversion, the chance of orderly government surviving in Malaya might be slight."

In the present discussions Britain at least has started with the advantage of being uncommitted—except to a reassessment of the position since Singapore's constitutional change in the spring of last year.

The representatives of Singapore, on the other hand, are all committed to 'Merdeka' or 'freedom'; and if Mr Marshall does not return with enough 'merdeka' to satisfy his followers he will be out for a certainty. His position is precarious enough as it is, for he does not command a majority in the Legislature, and only survives through a division in the Opposition.

NOT OPTIMISTIC

And after him — who? No doubt, Mr Lee Kuan Yew, many of whose party are Communist in sympathy if not in name. So that, in the eyes of the Colonial Office at any rate, Mr Marshall is the only horse in the stable, a fact of which he is fully conscious, so much so that he has only to murmer threats of resignation for Whitehall to get into a dither.

There is no doubt—let it be said at once—of his sincerity or of his determination to stay within the Commonwealth if he gets independence for Singapore, not, perhaps, out of any affection for the Commonwealth, but because he knows that any other course would lead to Communism. The trouble is that, with the best will in the world, Mr Marshall may not be able to keep his promise, and that what he does today Mr Lee may undo tomorrow.

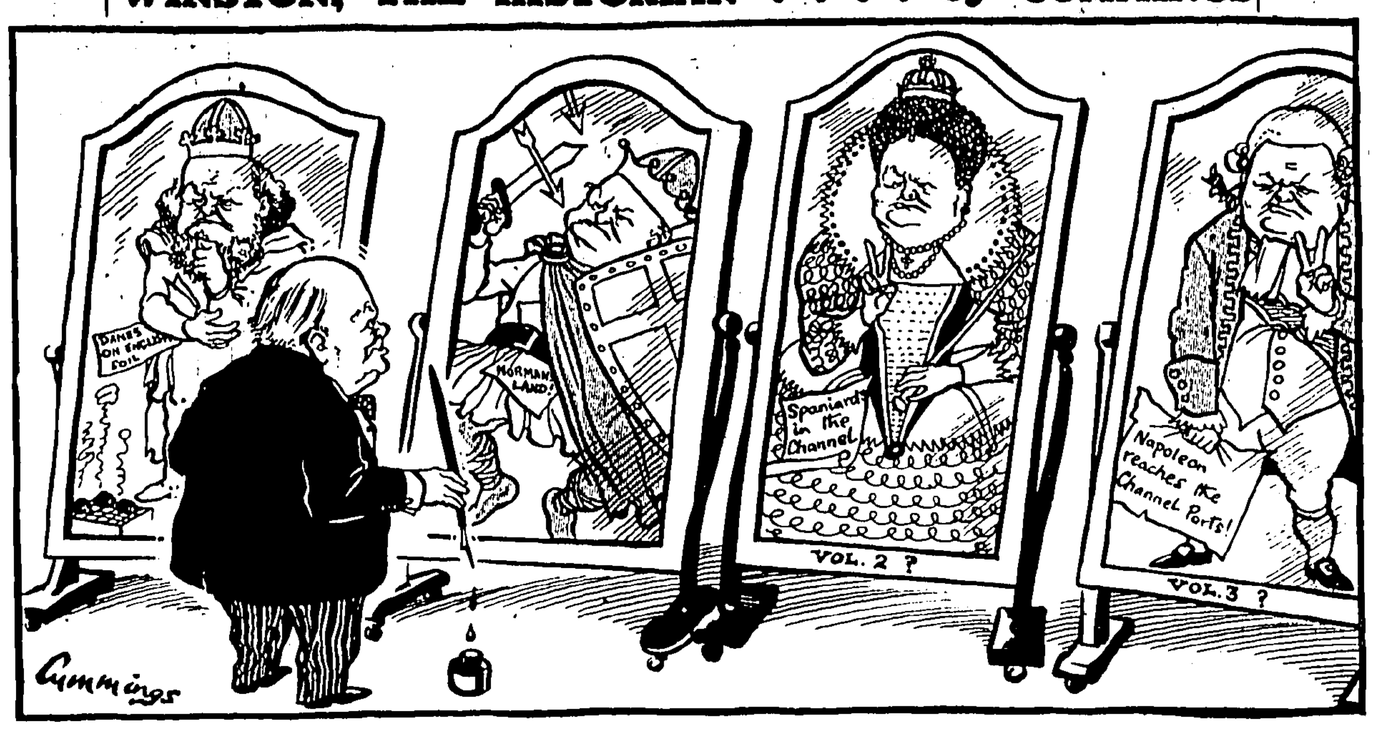
The London discussions will revolve on how to safeguard the strategic interests of the Commonwealth. No one appears to be optimistic about the result.

Conservative opinion has hardened—in recent months especially—against any concessions which might imperil the the defence position. When Conservative members met Mr Marshall in December they fell victim to the charm which he can exude when he wants to.

But since then there has been Cyprus and firm action by the government. Among many, the feeling that the evacuation of Suez was a mistake gains ground. In Singapore, itself, there has been strike after strike. And now—most inopportunely — Ceylon has gone sour. Hence a stiffening in Tory ranks against too many concessions.

There is a pretty wide appreciation in political circles that Singapore must be settled by agreement, rather than on its merits. From this latter point of view, the idea of this small island having a full-fledged dominion status seems ludicrous. Geographically and economically it is part and parcel of Malaya, and the commonsense thing to do would be to postpone further self-government until it had joined forces with the mainland. But it is difficult to guide the tide of nationalism into the channel of commonsense.

WINSTON, THE HISTORIAN by CUMMINGS



". . . King Alfred . . . King Harold . . . Queen Elizabeth . . . William Pitt . . ." London Express Service

EIGHT YEARS ON from the wedding day, the royal marriage enters a new phrase . . . and this is an up-to-the-minute appraisal of the man who has climbed from anonymity to near-leadership of a nation. HOW ambitious is he? IS he changing the pattern of monarchy? HOW DEEP is his interest in politics?

THE DUKE—IS HE THE STRONG MAN BEHIND the THRONE?

By ROBERT GLENTON

A PRETTY girl ran from the crowd to the Duke of Edinburgh's side and asked for his autograph.

The Duke glared. "I am no film star," he rebuked. Moments later he went on his smiling way through the cheers.

It is unlikely that such a thing would happen nowadays.

Then the Duke was a public idol. Now he has the aura of a man of State.

It is eight years since he and the young Princess Elizabeth married. In that time maturity has come upon them. Sovereignty is no longer strange.

On their brief second honeymoon in the Mediterranean which ended recently, the Queen must have reflected a little on her own progress—and have thought even more of the changes that have overtaken that remarkable man . . . the Duke of Edinburgh.

There have been the superficial alterations, of course.

At 34 the Duke is going bald. Perhaps he protests a little too much, but he claims he doesn't care. His pale blue eyes cannot stand the sun. One of them is faulty, but he resents the growing need to wear spectacles. Instead he uses sun glasses with one of the smoked lenses made to a special prescription.

That is a small vanity, the sort of thing all wives discover about their husbands after eight years of marriage.

At 34 the Duke is watching his waistline. He eats sparingly now. Meat is his diet. Sweets and pastries are off the menu.

But those are the surface differences.

It is in his stature, in his position in the nation that the Duke has so greatly altered. The Queen, always a mediator, must think of this thing when she reflects on the progress of that light-hearted Greek prince she married eight years ago. Who had heard of the young Lieut. Mountbatten, R.N., in those days?

His will

WHO would predict that in so few years he would become the strong man behind the Throne, playing the role that no royal consort before him had dared to fill?

On the state occasion the Duke follows behind the Queen as tradition dictates. But only then. At all other times he shows his own will, his own purpose.

In eight years he has become the voice of our monarchy.

To scientists, to doctors, and to industrialists he has spoken with a firm voice and aired strong opinions. Not for him has been the formal, uncontroversial murmur.

To the people of Britain he has endeared himself.

With every device, from the after-dinner speech to the film camera, he has fought a campaign for our children.

It was an obvious thing! It was a clear call that had been completely overlooked! There should be no children playing in the streets with lamp-posts for wickets and window panes for perilous boundaries.

The Duke, so keen on sport, embarked on a campaign to bring the cause of the back-street boys and girls to the nation.

And how well he has succeeded. There are few in the land who have not heard of the National Playing Fields Association. There are even fewer celebrities, from the swooner-crooners to the halting-voiced sportsmen, who have not beguiled their publics to ensure that every child in the land should have fresh air and a private park to play at sporting greatness.

Big brother

IF by his campaign he has charmed the people of Britain, the Duke has taken as much trouble to show the children he is deeply interested in them. In their presence—and he seeks them out—he behaves with the cheerful off-handedness of a grown-up brother. When he visited a boys' club he was followed as usual by his detective. "Coo," said the kids. "Look at the cop."

The Duke heard them and grinned. "He's very useful," he said. "He always carries my hat."

Ambition has brought the Duke of Edinburgh to the peak he has reached today. The unflagging ambition of a man who wants to do right. Despite certain disadvantages, had he remained that smiling nonentity of a prince with a schoolboy outlook he was before he became engaged he would still have been accepted by the nation. But he would never have been called into its counsels as he is today.

What are those disadvantages? In his blood are elements which are not popular in Britain, German emperors, a Czar of all the Russias . . . they go to make up his family line.

His four sisters married into Germany's most noble families, families which cherished the Kaiser during World War One.

But the Duke has elevated himself in a manner which must be the envy of every professional public relations officer. It is a family trait. The ability to radiate charm, to attract pleasant attention, is possessed most strongly by his uncle, Lord Mountbatten.

By example, if not by precept, the Duke has almost mastered the same art.

Errors

HE has made mistakes in his eight years' climb to the top.

There have been errors of taste.

It was the Duke who was responsible for a British chief constable being nicknamed "Binder."

When the Queen and the Duke were making a tour through the country, they stopped one morning for refreshment. The Duke disappeared behind the scenes on one of his off-the-schedule inspections. He came back into the room as the chief constable was reminding the royal party it was time to move on. Royal programmes have to be very carefully timed.

"Oh, is he binding?" said the Duke. "I am going to drink my coffee first." And he did.

I was in the wardroom of the first and only ship he ever commanded, the frigate Magpie, when I was told of the time he made the ratings blush.

The ship was on passage to Greece and the Queen was on board. The Duke was very proud of his ship and he was especially pleased with the anti-roll stabilisers with which Magpie was fitted. The Queen is a bad sailor and Edinburgh called for those stabilisers to be put into operation.

The drips.....

THEY jammed. Standing next to the Queen and surrounded by members of the crew, the Duke used an extremely advanced curse.

The Queen looked straight ahead. Every sailor within earshot looked down at his feet.

On the royal tour of Australia he was exploring some caves when he was warned to watch the drips. "Oh those," said the Duke, "I've run into plenty of those in my life."

These are the moments when the ghost of that rather brash junior naval officer overtakes the man the Duke is trying so hard to be. As the years go on there will be fewer and fewer of them.

But will he also flirt less and less with politics? He will have to if he is to succeed as one of the nation's leaders.

Has the Duke politics? The history of monarchy is blotted with the fate of those from the Palace who have tried to interfere with parliamentary affairs.

It is no secret that the Duke has strong views on most political situations. It is on record that the Duke has not shown that restraint which has always marked the utterances of his wife, the Queen.

Already he has been in hot water.

"The royal meddler" he was called in print when he defended conscription. And his greatest and most controversial plan so far is coming in for criticism by politicians on both sides of the House.

His own idea

FLUSHED with his success as the royal sponsor of scientific progress in industry he went on without hesitation to tackle the problem of the century—the field of relations between workers and bosses.

In 1952 it occurred to him that he might be the ideal man to bring both sides together. First he set out to meet the workers. He could be found talking earnestly at coal-face and factory bench.

And as he talked he evolved the idea for a conference.

There was bound to be criticism at the Duke's interference in this problem perplexing unions, workers, and employers.

And sure enough there was.

But the Duke went ahead. He planned that his conference should be held in Buckingham Palace, for all the world as though it were the Albert Hall.

The sponsors were officially the Industrial Welfare Society, with the Duke as patron. In Buckingham Palace there was alarm. Careful always to skirt political dispute, the Palace was now in an embarrassingly prominent position. And it was promptly attacked.

"A cotton mill might be a better place for a conference," said one union leader.

The Buckingham Palace conference was never held, but the Duke was not to be deterred so easily. He is still determined that workers and bosses shall meet under his patronage. Now his plan is for a mass assembly at Oxford in July.

It will be a big affair if it comes off, with about 300 people from both sides of industry. For the secretary of his conference the Duke has chosen a bright young member of the Socialist Party.

The path has been far from smooth. More criticism will come, unhappily, for the prince whose wish was to do well.

The question which must have entered the Queen's mind is how far the Duke can safely go.

Or has he gone too far already?

The Duke at home has another role to play. It is that of being the light-hearted revolutionary in the Palace.

There are many instances. His car drew up at Buckingham Palace. With his suitcase in his hand he strolled up the red carpet.

The footmen and those in attendance on the Court were horrified. For protocol in the Palace is rigid, and high in the tenets is the clause that Princes do not handle their own luggage.

His gadgets

A TRIVIAL thing? It was more than that. It was the Duke gently cocking a snoot at the the Court system which bedevilled and effectively curbed Prince Albert, the Duke's ancestor and predecessor.

He has altered several of the small day-to-day customs which have ruled generations of Kings.

When the Duke and the Queen are eating together, the food is placed on a sideboard and left by the servants so that the royal couple may be alone. The Duke likes privacy.

Once no member of the Royal Family answered the telephone directly. It was left to the servants. Now the Duke will answer any telephone that rings if it is near by.

The Queen must sometimes think of the laughter which has rung through the marriage. There is that fascination of the Duke's for mechanical gadgets. He is always ordering something new from the exhibitions he goes to. He once arrived home and told the Queen that he had bought her a washing machine. On another occasion he turned up with an armful of self-heating tins of soup.

Victories

IT is usual in marriage for the husband and wife to learn soon that without give and take on both sides there can be little hope of success.

But a royal union brings a different problem. It is the consort who is expected to conform completely even so up to the minute a man as the Duke of Edinburgh.

How has this worked out in practice?

After eight years of marriage it is quite evident that the Duke has had his victories. He is the non-conformist consort.

Consider his polo playing.

The sight of the Duke on his pony galloping through the heat of a summer Sunday afternoon drove many fervent clergymen and chapel and church goers to a fury. Loud were their protests. This must have perturbed the Queen, for much of the anger came from Scotland, and the Scots are dear to her heart.

But the Duke gave his happy grin and paid no heed at all.

When King George VI was alive the Duke found it much harder to have his own way.

Even over his motoring! He has a sincere and deep-seated belief that he can drive fast and well. This idea has not always been wholly founded on fact.

Collision

FIRST came the fuss during the engagement, when the Duke slid his small sports car into a ditch. Then the Duke escaped with a shaking and some criticism from the King.

He was then involved in a collision with a taxi in Hyde Park. Unfortunately the Queen—then Princess Elizabeth—was with him. The King's remarks were rather more pointed.

Although the restrictions which the King then placed on the Duke's driving have gone, he drives more circumspectly these days. But he is still very testy, and some of his comments in private would not win for him the applause he gets in public from road safety organisations.

But it is in flying that the Duke has most completely failed to behave as was expected of him.

First no one wanted him to fly, but he did. In an age of air travel he was not going to be left behind. Not for him the role of arm-chair Air Marshal.

Then the authorities insisted that he did not fly jet aircraft. An Air Council signal was sent to RAF stations saying that if the Duke came round he was not to be offered a flight in a jet aircraft.

But all the same, he does.

And now.....?

NOW the helicopter stage has come. Despite Ministry of Civil Aviation advice that Buckingham Palace was not suitable for taking off or landing, the Duke's helicopter is often seen hovering there.

Again, the Duke has had his own way against the advice of authority.

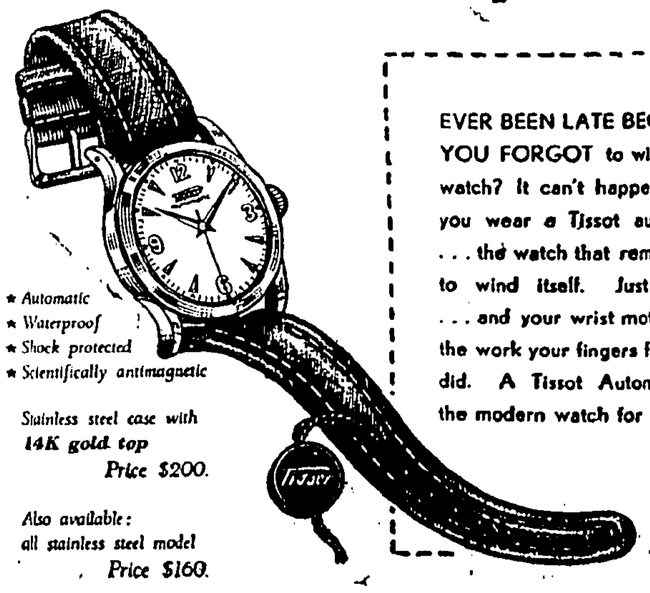
These are some of the facets of a young man who, in eight years, has climbed from anonymity to near leadership of the nation which had to send a warship to rescue him and his family, when he was a baby, from the violent hostility of his own people the Greeks, who were in revolt.

Far as he has come, there is further to go.

How is that journey charted? Will tradition, circumstance and discretion be the landmarks? Or is high ambition to be the guide?

A man is wise to reflect on these things as he grows older.

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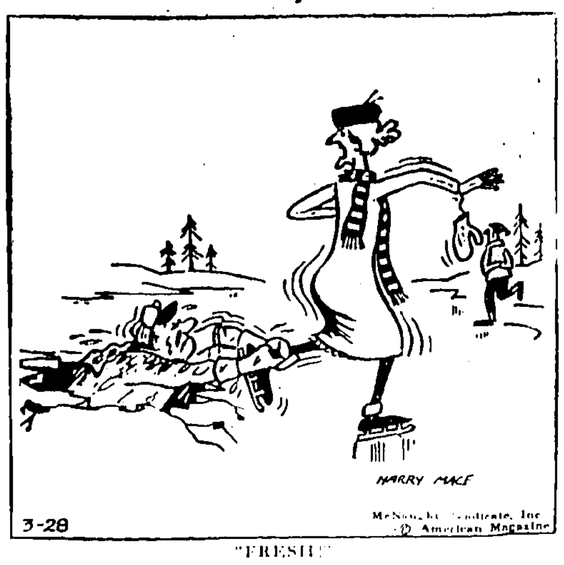
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This Funny World



"FRESH!"

• BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

THE projected tunnel under the Round Pond has run into more trouble. Yesterday, speaking at a luncheon given to Liberian journalists by the Worshipful Company of Sausage-Skin Makers, Sir Graham Tuft said

"It is difficult to grasp the purpose of this gross waste of money. The tunnel cannot be used by traffic, as there is no road in that part of the gardens. Pedestrians can surely continue to walk round the pond, or to avoid it altogether." Dame Jane Clarkson said: "Anything of this sort is bound to have its opponents, but cutting down expenditure need not mean abolishing initiative. If the designers of the tunnel keep beauty in mind, as well as utility, users of the gardens may live to be proud of London's new lung." Captain Bawdrey was understood to cry, "Hear, hear!"

Flexible is the word

THOSE interested in democracy in action are wondering how many more elections Mr Thomas Mitchell will have to win before it can be officially admitted that he represents the people who repeatedly elect him. So far he has only been elected two or three times for Mid-Ulster, a constituency in which the defeated candidate has a better chance of being permitted to sit than the winner, unless Mr Mitchell happened to be the defeated candidate.

One thing after another

Correspondence columns suffer from trying to cover too much ground.

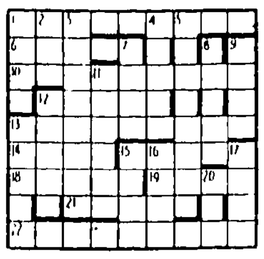
(A correspondent.)

The only cure for the world crisis is peace. . . . If Mrs Earle's dog will only drink rain-water when it is warm, he must be ill. . . . Could there not be moving platforms for use as parking places? The whole Persian question is complicated in the extreme. Mrs Orchard should try rubbing her nose with sand last thing at night. . . . Capital gains make me sick. . . . Ignorance of electronic plant and packaging equipment will get this country nowhere. . . . If Reader Futtleton had ever been a warthog in captivity he would not laugh so much at the Zoo.

Active measures

TO make the town of Stevenage "litter-conscious" (and, I trust, rubbish-minded) a No-Sweeping Week was declared. At the end of the week officials pointed to the untidy streets and pavements with a haughty air. But why confine the experiment to the work of habitual or casual litter-droppers? If everyone were actively encouraged to throw litter about for a week the result would be far more striking. One good idea would be to organise thousands of paper-chasers through the centre of the town.

CROSSWORD



Across

1. Another name for Press Balls? (4-5)
5. I get into lava as it returns. (5)
10. The composer runs to grey in France. (9)
12. It helps with the apple tart and you get it among the 14 Across. (5)
13. Gorgi seer (anag.). (9)
14. Thunder with this for a play. (4)
15. Caledonia was wild with it. (5)
18. Sailor hearts. (5)
19. Unpleasant, whether preceded by heart or tooth. (4)
21. A good look—or a bad one. (5)
22. Way out. (4-5)

Down

1. Sounds wicked, this ecclesiastic feature. (4)
2. The night before. (3)
3. They ride the wind with the witches. (8)
4. It describes many a beaver. (5)
6. Peace and ire get together. (8)
7. This wire should not be held down. (4)
8. Paid by a caller. (5)
9. Cleopatra's killers. (4)
11. Paper goes with the goods. (6)
12. He used to come from Yugoslavia way. (5)
13. Shady place family. (5)
16. Strike it, and you'll get an upset if you're canoeing. (4)
16. Hall for harplat. (4)
17. Nursery playground. (4)
20. Dutch or Plymouth hold this link—not gin! (3)



Saturday's solution.

YOUR BIRTHDAY . . . By STELLA

MONDAY, MAY 14

BORN today, you are thoroughly intellectual and cannot be happy unless your work is concerned with problems which challenge your mind and attention. You are a natural leader, both in ideas and in action. Although you always may not be thoroughly understood — for you have the temperament which often accompanies the artistically creative mind—you will command love and respect from all those who know you.

Fond of travel, you probably will cover a large part of the earth during your lifetime. Your taste is highly educated and your talents are many. You should excel in more than one area of creative expression. You make friends easily but are a little gullible, believing everyone to have the same high ethical standards as you. Make sure that you are not tragically betrayed at some period in your life!

You have keen emotions, are impulsive and often barge in where angels fear to tread. But no matter what the situation, you are soon in full control! You have the gift of charm, personal magnetism and the ability to speak well in public. You have stage presence, too, and might do very well on the stage.

Among those born on this date are: Albert Einstein, and Gabriel D. Fahrenheit, physicists; James Negleg Farson and Sir Hall Caine, authors; Billie Dove, actress; Alan Dale, dramatic critic; and Frank Gilmore, actor-manager.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

TUESDAY, MAY 15

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—This is another good day for all your major efforts. Make the most of all your opportunities.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Your aims and ideas can approach fulfilment today, if you concentrate seriously on your objective.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—Business affairs are favoured, and if you wish, you may combine them with social events.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—You can excel today in practically anything you wish to undertake. Make rapid progress.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—You may find it agreeable to sign a contract or make a long-term agreement in connection with your work.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—You may find romance today—and in an environment where you least expect it!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Your career is active and you should find plenty of opportunity for advancement now.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—You may be a little adventuresome when it comes to your activities and be successful.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-June 20)—Promote yourself today. Don't hide your light under a bushel. Be sure that your talents are recognised.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Friendliness in business relationships can prove important to your advance.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—An active day. Be sure that your health is well-protected, for that is of the utmost importance now.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—Take care of your business affairs for you may find that potential profits are promising.

• JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Cue Bid Gives Slam Contract

By OSWALD JACOBY

"THE rebid of four clubs is a cue bid," comments Ernie Rovere in his splendid new book, Point Count Contract Bridge Complete, from which today's hand is taken. "It is intended as a slam try, and to show control of that suit.

"North's raise to five clubs similarly encourages the slam feeler by showing the club fit, in addition to the spade support already demonstrated."

South doesn't consider bidding a grand slam, because he knows that the ace of hearts is missing. If North had the ace of hearts, he would bid four hearts instead of five clubs. He would be in position to show the club strength later, but would want to show an ace first.

	NORTH	14
	♠ Q 9 8	
	♥ 3 2	
	♦ J 7 6 4 2	
	♣ K Q 8	
WEST		EAST
♠ 7 6 5		♠ 3 2
♥ A Q 9 8 4		♥ 7 6 5
♦ 8 5		♦ Q 10 9
♣ J 9 4		♣ 10 8 7 6 3
	SOUTH (D)	
	♠ A K J 10 4	
	♥ K J 10	
	♦ A K 3	
	♣ A 2	

Both sides vul

South	West	North	East
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♣	Pass	5 ♣	Pass
6 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead—♦ 8

"The play of this hand is a bit advanced," Rovere continues, in his comments on the hand. He then gives a trick-by-trick summary of the play.

South begins by cashing both top diamonds. He next takes the ace of clubs and continues with dummy's high clubs, discarding the low diamond from his own hand.

Declarer is now in position to ruff one of dummy's low diamonds. This play sets up the fourth and fifth diamond in the dummy. Naturally, South ruffs with a high trump to make sure that West is unable to overruff.

South can now draw trumps with the ace, the king, and finally dummy's queen. This draws all of the enemy's trumps and leaves declarer in the dummy so that he can discard two hearts on dummy's established diamonds. The slam contract is thus assured.

♥♣CARD Sense♠♦

Q—With both sides vulnerable, the bidding has been:

North	East	South	West
1 Heart	2 Clubs	?	

You, South, hold:
♠Q 7 3 ♥4 2 ♦A K Q 7 3 ♣A J 2
What do you do?

A—Bid three no-trump. The spades are weak, but partner must have something for his opening bid. You can't afford to bid less than game with this strong hand.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold
♠Q 7 3 ♥4 2 ♦A K Q J 7 3 ♣A 2
What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

TARGET

D	S	N
A	G	O
I	L	E

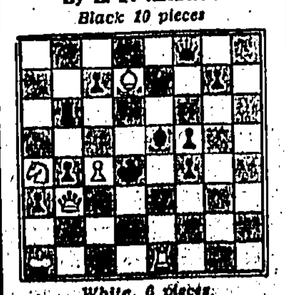
HOW many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters in the square on the left? In making each word the letters in each of the small squares may be used once only. Each word *must* contain the large letter in the centre square, and there must be at least one nine-letter word in the list. No plurals; no foreign words; no proper names. TODAY'S TARGET: 66 words, *good*; 79 words, *very good*; 89 words, *excellent*. Solution tomorrow.

SATURDAY'S SOLUTION: Amid amiss dais dial dismal dismiss DISMISSAL laid lias maid mail mild mislaid miss missal sadism said sail sisal slid slim.

CHESS PROBLEM

By E. P. AMBROS

Black 10 pieces



White, 6 pieces.

White to play: mate in three.

Solution to Saturday's problem:

1, Q—Kt1, any; 2, Q, R (dis ch, or dbl ch), B, or Kt mates.

WOMANSENSE

THREE NEW NAMES IN FASHION

To the hierarchy of Italian fashion come three new designers—Umba, Sarli and Giuliano. London-born Umba is influenced by the traditional dresses of Sardinia; Sarli favours slanting seams on bodices and cut-away jackets; and Giuliano aims at simplicity of line enlivened by appropriate fabrics.

By GINA POPESINA



GIULIANO: On the left is a fitted redingote in grey chine flannel. Note the deep, wide V-neckline which stands away from the neck at the back and which is edged with white grosgrain. On the right is a dress of mustard Shetland wool which features this designer's shawl collar. This falls to the hips at the back, where it is caught in with buttoned tabs to give a bloused effect. SARLI: The unusual topcoat on the left is in light blue and white herringbone-patterned flannel. Note the tuxedo effect to the hips and then the "double-breasted" effect to the hem. The ensemble on the right features this designer's "Casanova" line, with the red wool tolle jacket cut away to reveal a waistcoat-effect on the dress of plain blue wool serge worn beneath it. The jacket is trimmed with a jabot and pleated cuffs of starchy white. UMBA: Black wool jersey is used for the one-piece lounging ensemble on the left. The collar can be turned up to make a hood. The tunic on the right, in white, red and blue wool, is embroidered with Sardinian motifs.

IT is so difficult to attain the rarefied heights of couture that when a designer does so, it is big news. In Italy this season, not one but three young designers showed collections for the first time along with the established Italian couturiers at the Pitti Palace in Florence. Each met with considerable success.

First of all there is **Umba.** He was born in London in 1934 and mere chance led to his becoming a fashion designer. He was studying at the University of London when he went to Italy for a holiday in 1954. The natural beauty of Sardinia, its folklore and the habits and costumes of its people greatly appealed to him. He was so inspired by Sardinian designs and textiles that he felt compelled to translate them into fashion. He presented his first collection at the Cagliari Fair and met with such success that he was encouraged to continue as a designer.

PLAIN LINES

In his first collection in Florence he displayed a good range of dresses, topcoats and jackets cut on very plain lines, together with a selection of more casual clothes, for which he made great use of wool fabrics skilfully embroidered with Sardinian designs. For instance, with a black wool lounging suit consisting of a hood, long-sleeved sweater and trews made all in one, he showed a collarless, full-length, white wool coat which was split to the armholes at the side seams and was embroidered all over with red and blue figures.

Sardinian motifs in red and white were used again to embroider a straight, thigh-length tunic of black wool jersey. Indeed, it is in these boutique type clothes where a talent for novel design and good taste must be closely combined, that **Umba** seems destined to excel.

The second of the young designers is **Fausto Sarli.** He was born in Naples in 1920, is married and is the father of four children. He has been in the fashion business for several years at the head of a fairly well-established house with an international clientele which includes a number of important American firms.

THE "CASANOVA"

Sarli himself is shy and solitary, and avoids publicity as much as possible. It was only after receiving the fashion award at the festival held in conjunction with the Oltremare Exhibition in Naples last year that he was convinced that the time had come to face the greater trial of the Florence shows.

He sketches and cuts every model in his collections himself. They are well-studied and quiet and possess a technical perfection in the best Neapolitan sartorial tradition.

The line he presented in Florence is called the "Casanova." The main features are slanting seams on bodices and jackets. The front edges of the latter are cut away from bust level. For instance, a particularly attractive ensemble with this line consists of a dress and jacket in a very fine Saxony blue wool flannel striped in black. The softly-moulded dress buttons from neck to hip down the centre front giving a waistcoat effect beneath the cut-away jacket which dips at the back. A starched white jabot at the neck and white pleated frills at the cuffs give emphasis to the eighteenth century inspiration.

Novel detail on an otherwise classic suit in red wool pique by this designer is a collar which looks like the larger ends of two men's ties. This is attached to the neck of the jacket at the back only and lies across the shoulders.

Fabrics favoured by this designer are mainly wool and include flannels, Shetlands, very fine worsteds and many fancy lightweights.

The third designer is **Giuliano.** Born in Rome in 1932, he was unable to establish himself as a designer in his home town and had to go to Milan before he achieved recognition.

He is a very clever but serious young man, and carefully plans every detail of a model right down to the trimmings and buttons. He is fond of lines which make a model look simple but which are actually extremely complicated. First he sketches a design and then he searches for a suitable fabric to make it come to life. Time and again he finds that wool fabrics meet his requirements more than any other type.

UNUSUAL TRIMMINGS

Noteworthy points from the models which he showed in Florence are: shawl collars falling to the waist or hips at the back, where they are caught in to give a bloused effect; elongated points on collars of various shapes; and deep, wide V-necklines.

One of the most attractive models from his collection is a fitted redingote in grey chine flannel. This has three-quarter sleeves and a wide skirt, and it buttons from bust to hem. The deep, wide V-neckline, which stands away from the neck, is edged with white grosgrain.

This designer is also fond of unusual trimmings such as a necklet and cuffs of gold chains and beads. These he uses to trim a perfectly plain, long-sleeved, high-necked cocktail dress of black wool drap.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

To remove yellow discolouration from kitchen sinks or lavatory, line the basin with paper towelling, then pour chlorine bleach on the towels until they are soaked. After half an hour, remove the towels and rinse the basin with hot water.

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Don't wash enamelled surfaces of a range while they are hot. A hot surface cracks easily.

What makes a woman look older than she is?

By JEANNE D'ARCY

WHEN the class of '36 gets together for a twentieth reunion this year, there'll be surprises in store for everyone.

Blonde-haired Florence, the class beauty, appears twice her age. Emma, never a looker in the old prom-trotting days, is strikingly attractive.

So it goes right down the line. Time has been kind to some of the "girls," hard on others. One wonders why.

It raises a question: "What makes a woman look older than she is?"

There are several answers to this question. We suggest you study them if you want to keep your looks as time goes by.

First, there's weight. Girls who let their figures go immediately appear older than they are.

Then there's complexion. If skin's been neglected, if it's dry and doesn't get lubricated with creams and lotions, aging lines show up. Crepey necks are always a birthday giveaway; so are double chins.

Hair can make you seem older if the coiffure isn't right. A hairdo that sweeps upward is most flattering as you get older.

Some women feel grey hair ages the appearance. That's not true! There's nothing prettier than grey hair with a youthful face.

Clothes, too, can make you seem older. There are two pitfalls to avoid—ingenue styles that are too young for you and, at the other extreme, dowdy dresses that seem shapeless and don't play up a youthful figure to full advantage.

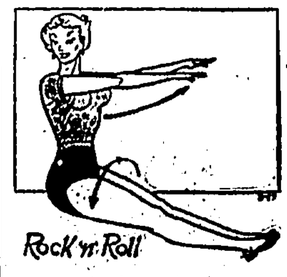
Keep In Trim . . . by Ida Jean Kain

DEAL FIRMLY WITH BULKY HIPS

THE size and shape of the hips is determined by the amount of fat padding, to be sure. But streamlining also depends on restoring tone to the trio of muscles that spread across the sides and back of the hips.

If your weight is above normal, curb calories and reduce. But even many normal weights need hip slimming calisthenics, for flabby muscles enlarge the hip measurement. Well directed exercises make the muscles themselves more shapely. Well toned muscles are compact, hug the silhouette and the effect is a neater, slimmer figure.

The science of muscular movement reveals that the big hip muscles are brought into action when the hip is flexed to an



angle of more than 45 degrees, or when resistance is applied. So here we go with precision flimnastics.

Position: Lying on left side, head on folded left arm, legs straight down.

Movement: Flex right knee briskly toward chest, shoot leg straight down, then swing vigorously toward rear. Hold for a count of four. Return to starting position. Do this exercise to a count of one-two-swing-h-o-l-d. Ten counts, change sides and repeat.

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If you prefer, you can get this same flex and swing action from a standing position, as in this exercise.

Position: Standing arms' length from wall, palms of hands on wall, chest level.

Movement: Lift right thigh, flexing right knee sharply. Then shoot leg downward and swing leg back and up past the 45-degree angle. Hold for a count of four. Repeat eight times. Then do exercise with left leg.

Finish with this rock and roll action.

Position: Sitting on floor, leaning slightly back to bring weight to bear on biggest part of hips. Have arms extended in front of body, chest level.

Movement: Roll toward right, swinging both arms toward left. Roll across hips toward the left, swinging arms to the right. Once you get the rhythm of this rock 'n' roll swing, it's fun.

An easier version of this rock 'n' roll exercise is to roll rhythmically across hip spread, pushing with one hand, trotting with the other. Merrily you roll . . .

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

It's A Cat's Secret

—Hanid Asked Her To Explain, But Purr Purr Just Purred—

By MAX TRELL

HANID, the shadow-girl, looked down at Purr Purr and said: "You're a very curious creature, my dear."

Purr Purr didn't answer. Kittens usually don't. She simply stared at Hanid with large green eyes, waiting for Hanid to go on with whatever she had to say. Curious? What was so curious about her?

"Of course," Hanid went on presently, "I don't mean by curious that you are curious about things—inquisitive. Folks are always saying, 'Curiosity killed a cat.'

"But I don't mean you are especially curious in that way. You're curious not about things. But there are lots of things curious about you!"

Quite Silent

Again Hanid waited in hopes that the kitten in her lap might have something to say for herself. Purr Purr, however, remained quite silent. Hanid smiled, stroked Purr Purr's furry head and continued:

"Now take falling, for instance. Suppose I was climbing over a fence and I lost my balance. What would happen? Just this. I'd fall down. I might land on my feet if I was lucky. But most probably I'd land on my head or on my back or just go tumbling and sprawling. Isn't that how it would be, Purr Purr?"

Purr Purr didn't bother to say how she thought it would be if Hanid happened to fall off a fence. Hanid now picked up the kitten and held her in front of her as she said:

"But if you fell off a fence, Purr Purr, you wouldn't go tumbling and sprawling, would you, my dear?"

"Oh no, I wouldn't, not at all!" Hanid answered for the kitten. "I'd land on my feet. I always land on my feet."

"That's just what I mean about being curious," Hanid went on in her own voice. "For isn't it curious that cats and kittens should always land on their feet. Why is that, Purr Purr? Why do cats and kittens always land on their feet?"

Purr Purr didn't answer this, either.

"And there's another curious thing," said Hanid as she curled Purr Purr back in her lap again. "I mean about seeing in the dark. Now when I, or any of the children, or mother or father or anybody goes into a dark room they can't see where they are going. They bump into chairs and tables and lamps. They just can't see!"

The Dark Cellar

Purr Purr seemed to be nodding in agreement with this, so Hanid said: "But when you, your mother or father or any of your cousins, or any cat in world, goes chasing through the dark cellar after a mouse, they don't even bump into anything. How is it, Purr Purr, that cats can see in the dark?"

Purr Purr just purred.

"And isn't it curious that kittens and cats should know how to wash their own faces. I've watched you wash your face with your paw many times, my dear. You keep yourself clean and tidy all day long. How did you learn how to do this? Did your mother teach you? Did she? Tell me, please."

Purr Purr didn't say a word.

"Oh well, I guess it's a secret. All things about cats are secret—why they land on their feet when they fall, how they see in the dark, why they wash themselves with their paws, why they all gather together at night in the backyard and sing. And there's one other thing, Purr Purr," said Hanid. "I almost forgot to mention it. How do you make that purring sound? How do you do that?"

But Purr Purr didn't say a thing. She just kept on purring.



Hanid picked up the kitten and held her in front of her.

Rupert and the Winter Woolly—2



Leaving his cottage behind, Rupert trots over the crisp snow. "My, it's cold!" he breathes. "We shall have to keep moving today or we shall freeze." At first there seems to be nobody about. Then he spies a small figure and, putting on speed, he joins Willie the Mouse. "What shall we do?" he calls. "Shall we start snowballing? Or do you know where we can borrow a good sledge? We must keep warm somehow." Just then Podgy joins in. "I have a better idea," he says.

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A SPECTACULAR DIVE



With a spectacular dive, England goalkeeper R. Matthews (Coventry City) gets to the ball just ahead of Brazilian centre-forward Gina during the international soccer match between England and Brazil at the Empire Stadium, Wembley, on May 9.—Reuterphoto.

LEAGUE BOWLS

RECREIO OPEN SEASON WITH 3½-1½ WIN OVER BOWLING GREEN CLUB

By "TOUCHER"

In the only First Division Lawn Bowls League match played during the week-end, Club de Recreio, the reigning Champions, opened their season with a narrow victory over Kowloon Bowling Green Club by 3½ points to 1½.

An extremely heavy green, a continuous drizzle and frequent gusts of strong wind made the game far from enjoyable. Really good bowls was impossible, but despite these weather conditions some very good heads were seen.

From the very first head, when Connie Pereira's rink chalked up a four against Joe Eastman's men, and Suzzy Passos and Johnny Ribeiro followed with a single and another four, Recreio appeared well set for a win. It seemed to be just a matter of by what margin.

As the game progressed, the match became a race between the front men of both teams. The creditable performances by the Bowling Club leads and No. 2s, especially those of newcomers Rees and Thomas and their new convenor, "Red" Browne against the Champions' main strength were largely responsible for cutting down Recreio's aggregate lead to only five shots at the tea interval.

Joe Eastman's four, helped to some extent by some lucky heavy shots by himself and his No. 3, Frank Francis, drew level at 12-12 at the end of the 10th head against Connie Pereira's well-balanced rink, only to lose a three on the last head before tea.

BEST GAME

The best game of the afternoon was between Bowling Club's W. Rees, R. Browne, T. Gasson and C. Rounsefell and Recreio's A. V. Lopes, S. E. Souza, C. E. Roza-Pereira and C. E. Passos.

The Bowling Club four were actually the smoother combination as compared to their opposing rink, among whom only S. E. Souza was playing anywhere near his best.

Time and again, however, the Bowling Club bowlers were a trifle unlucky to be beaten by that lucky odd shot which came in when they were lying a count. So even was the game that at the end of the 11th head the score was only 8-7 in Recreio's favour.

On the third rink Johnny Ribeiro's front men Lionel Rodrigues and A. M. Souza enjoyed a clear supremacy in the early stages of the game. With Johnny Ribeiro himself striking good form, it was largely some good bowling by Peter Hughes and Tom Kavanagh that enabled the Bowling Club four to hold their opponents to 10-11 at the tea interval.

After tea there was a complete swing on two rinks. Although V. Thomas continued to draw consistently to the jack, he was up against a brilliant George Gutierres and Leo Gaddi time and again fell short with the lie against him, allowing a consistent Alarcoun to pile it up.

With both Francis and Eastman resorting to desperate heavy shots, the score kept on mounting against them until it was 14-32 at the end of the 20th head. They only managed to score on one head out of nine. A five on the last head brought them to the final score of 19-32 to give Recreio a commanding aggregate lead.

Colin Rounsefell's and Suzzy Passos' fours continued their see-saw battle after tea. At the end of the 20th head the score was 14-13 in favour of the Recreio rink.

On the last head the Bowling Club four were lying one shot close to the jack and another two about a yard away. Rounsefell was a little unfortunate in knocking up an opposing front wood for second shot to within one yard, jack-high of the jack.

Passos failed to draw in with his two woods and Rounsefell missed in resting the second shot or drawing in himself. Recreio were still up by 13 shot on the aggregate after conceding this point.

The second big swing was seen on the third rink. With five heads still to go the score was even at 17-17. On the 17th head a brilliant shot by skip Kavanagh became the turning point. Driving through a narrow port he took the jack clean into the ditch to give his side a single.

On the next head he came in with another spectacular shot when he drew to within two inches of the jack against a count of two. With all their three front men playing extremely well at this stage, the Bowling Club four were lying two shots on the 19th head and nearly succeeded in snatching a dramatic aggregate win from the Champions.

With his last wood Kavanagh made an excellent attempt in taking out the third shot for a count of six or seven. He had to get through a narrow passage between two woods and only missed by a fraction of an inch. On the next head the Bowling Club four chalked up a three and followed this up with a four to fall just two shots short of the Recreio aggregate of 63.

OTHER MATCHES

Despite the inclement weather two Second Division and two Third Division matches were also played off.

In the Second Division, Kowloon Dock Club "Blues", favoured for the title, dropped one point to their "Whites" clubmates, who had the satisfaction of registering a seven against their favoured opponents. This was scored by Campbell's four playing against Bob Lapsley's rink.

Skip Archie Campbell himself was responsible for the seven with a brilliant shot. Lying three, he succeeded with his last wood to play narrow and punch away the fourth shot for the count to earn for his rink a bottle of whisky. Both he and No. 3 Raeside, I was told, played an exceptionally fine game.

USRC followed up their 4-1 win over HKFC last week-end with a brilliant 5-0 triumph over Filipino Club to install themselves as strong contenders for the Division's honours.

The Third Division games produced another surprise this week-end. The HKPSA twelve, with no fewer than six First Division bowlers, again went down, this time to the Filipino Club by a 4-1 margin, which goes to show how true the saying "Anything can happen in lawn bowls" can be.

SEVEN—A—SIDE SOCCER

Brilliant South China Wins Stanley Shield For Second Successive Year

By I. M. MacTAVISH

Well done . . . and well won . . . South China. Playing a brand of scintillating attacking soccer that no other side in the competition could match, the brilliant Caroline Hillers swept their way through a succession of dazzling victories to win the Stanley Shield for the second successive year.

The final stages of the tournament were played at the Club Stadium on Saturday evening and a capacity crowd contributed willingly to an all-time record jackpot of more than $50,000 which will be distributed to deserving local charities.

The heavy rain which lashed the field could neither damp the enthusiasm of the crowd nor mask the delightful ball control and general football competence of the competing teams.

The final between South China 'B' and KMB 'A' was, in a competitive sense if not in a footballing sense, something of a disappointment. The Busmen were outrun, outplayed, outgeneralled and very nearly outclassed.

They had no legitimate answer to the rapier like thrusts of Ho Cheung-yau, Yiu Cheuk-yin and Mok Chun-wah and often they fell back on the temptation of substituting beef and brawn for brain.

Their efforts were as unprofitable as they were undesirable, but while Justice may blind her representative, the whistle, was not and extracted due and just penalty from the Busmen.

Whatever chance KMB still had when they turned round with a two-goal deficit was surely sacrificed when they made some astonishing positional changes at the interval.

DEFENSIVE DUTIES

During the first half they found their speedy defenders like Lau Tim, and Szeto Yiu quite incapable of matching the fast moving South China forwards, yet in the second half we had the strange sight of veteran Lee Chun-fat being moved back to take over the defensive duties.

The outcome was inevitable and the switch—soccer suicide. Lee soon had to resort to illegal tactics to stop the opposition and a penalty and a free kick against him produced two more goals and virtually finished the game.

South China thoroughly deserved their victory and with it their first trophy of the season. KMB simply were not in the same class and their tactics were hardly what one expected from them.

Mok Chun-wah and Yiu Chouk-yin scored South China's first half goals and the little winger got two more in the second half—one from a penalty before Footballer of the Year Ho Cheung-yau put the Busmen's defence in a real traffic jam in scoring a truly brilliant fifth goal.

South China were never in danger of losing and KMB by the same token, never produced more than a half-hearted challenge.

EARLIER GAMES

In the earlier games which led up to the final, KMB took their first uncertain step when in the quarter-final, they edged out the Police by 2 goals to 1.

South China 'A' created the first surprise when they knocked out the Army 'A' side by a similar score although the soldiers were unlucky to be deprived of the services of Egerton who was declared medically unfit.

Kitchee 'A' quickly disposed of their own 'B' team in what never looked like a serious contest.

Eastern 'A' and South China 'B' had a tremendous tussle before South China moved into the semi-final by three corners to one after the teams had shared six goals. This was a close call for the eventual winners and they came very near to being beaten in the closing stages.

In the semi-finals South China 'B' outclassed Kitchee 'A' to the tune of 5 clear goals, but their 'A' side was eliminated by KMB by two goals to nil.

The HKFA can take a great deal of credit for their running of the competition. The organisation was excellent and there was not a real hitch from start to finish.

EVEN TUSSLE

The great crowd that turned up on Saturday—not forgetting the thousands who were turned away—was a clear indication of the enthusiasm there is for the game when there is an indication of an even tussle . . . rain is not as powerful a weapon as some would have us believe.

The Police did a first class job of handling the excess spectators, and their tact and good humour did what officious briskness might not have achieved so easily.

VERDICT

The Stanley Shield has once again provided fine entertainment, a rich dollar harvest for charity . . . and a set of seven worthy winners. It was well staged and efficiently managed, and if the actual field system of match control can be tightened up there would be little cause for any sort of complaint.

BOXING

Spectators Boo Gavilan-Trochon Fight Verdict

Marseilles, May 13.

The Cuban former World Welterweight Champion, Kid Gavilan, fought a drawn match over 10 rounds in Marseilles today against the young French hope, Louis Trochon.

Unlike his famous first match in London against Peter Waterman, today's match gave Gavilan what was generally considered as a lucky verdict. Most spectators and experts thought the French boy had won and the decision was booed. Afterwards, Gavilan's trainer, Kid Tunero, said he thought the verdict was a fair one. The judges were divided, one gave the fight to Trochon, another gave it to Gavilan and the third gave it a draw.—France-Presse.

TAYLOR SCORES FOR ENGLAND



The ball sails past Brazilian goalkeeper Gilmar (No. 1) as Taylor (Manchester United), the England centre-forward—on left, in white shirt—scores England's first goal in the international soccer match against Brazil at the Empire Stadium, Wembley on May 9. England won 4-2.—Reuterphoto.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S SPORTS FANS ASK . . .

Who Can Take Over From Zatopek When He Retires After Olympic Games?

By RONALD FARQUHAR

Prague, May 13.

Who among Czechoslovakia's younger generation of athletes can take over the mantle of Emil Zatopek, now nearing the end of a great running career, at the 1956 Olympic Games in Melbourne is the question which sports fans here are asking each other.

They hope to obtain clues to the answer from two track and field matches with British teams this summer.

Sides representing Prague and London are scheduled to meet in an inter-city contest here in July and the countries compete in a full international competition in London in August.

The Czecho-lovak teams for both matches are likely to include Zatopek, who hopes to win the Marathon at Melbourne but expects to be beaten in the 10,000 metres, the only other Olympic event in which he intends to take part.

But Czechoslovak officials will be watching anxiously the performances of their younger runners, who up to now, have failed to reach world-beating "Zatopek" standards in their various events.

The Prague meeting comes at a time when, these officials say, the Czechoslovak athletes should be in peak condition, at the end of the first stage of a "double-cycle" training schedule.

Sports fans believe that field and track athletes and canoeists have the best chance of bringing home medals from Melbourne. Eight of the thirteen medals which they won at Helsinki were gained in these competitions.

Czechoslovakia hopes also to compete in the swimming, shooting, weight-lifting, wrestling, rowing, cycling, pentathlon and gymnastic events. But she is still undecided whether to send teams to the boxing tournament, in which she won a Gold medal at Helsinki, or the basketball competition.

Between 69 and 90 competitors and officials will fly to Melbourne in special aeroplanes. The journey will last three days and officials say that fares alone will cost about 1,000,000 crowns (about £60,000 sterling).

They estimate that it will cost between four and five Australian pounds a day to keep each athelet during the Games, all of which will be paid by the state, which has set aside a special sum for the purpose.

Coaches believe that it will take the Czechoslovaks between two and three weeks to become acclimatised in Melbourne. They are making plans to arrive early in November.

HIS LAST OLYMPICS

Zatopek, who will be 34 years of age in September, will almost certainly be running in his last Olympics Games. The fair-haired army lieutenant-colonel, who reached the pinnacle of his fame by winning the 5,000 Metres, 10,000 Metres and Marathon races at Helsinki, has concentrated his winter training on the Marathon.

He has been out twice a day, running a total of between 60 and 70 kilometres a day, mostly in a soft, woodland terrain. He also intends to run in the 5,000 Metres and 10,000 Metres races during the 1956 season. But the man who spectators will be watching most closely over these distances is Zatopek's 25-year-old pupil, Ivan Ullsperger, a wiry, dark-haired army lieutenant.

There are high hopes, too, of 27-year-old Vaclav Jandecka, also an army lieutenant, who established himself last season as one of Europe's best sprinters.

In the middle distances, Czechoslovakia looks to Stanislav Jungwirth, fair, slim and almost frail in appearance.

Stocky, blond, buck-toothed Vlastimil Jiroa, a 25-year-old factory worker, is likely to wear his country's red singlet in the 3,000 Metres steeplechase. But the official early season view is that Czechoslovakia cannot expect to be among the medals in this or the middle distance events.

Hopes are higher in the field competitions where two burly, 26-year-old holders of European records, the boyish-looking weight-putter Jiri Skobla and swarthy Karel Merta, discus thrower are expected to do well.

Czechoslovakia is weaker in the women's events and the brightest prospects, at the moment, appear to be Dana Zatopek, wife of Emil, for the Javelin Throw and Olga Modrachmva, a tall 26-year-old clerk for the High and Long Jumps.

Josef Dolezal, a 36-year-old compositor, who holds a number of world and European walking records, seems to have good chances in these events in Melbourne.

CANOEISTS

Czechoslovak canoeists have always been among the medals since water sports were included in the Olympic Games in 1936. But although optimistic, officials say cautiously that the present crop of watermen is only average, with the exception of Jiri Vokner, a 25-year-old bespectacled medical student, who holds the World Championship for the 10,000 Metres in single canoes.

He and other Olympic team candidates have been training hard throughout the winter in an indoor basin on the river Danube, near Bratislava. They followed this with a spell of skiing in the mountains and they may work in forests and on building sites to toughen themselves during a mid-season "break" in July. But coaches say that their main task before Melbourne is to increase their speed on the water. — China Mail Special.

RUSSIAN RECORD

Paris, May 13.

Soviet athlete Vyacheslav Bogatov today lowered the national record for the 200 Metres Hurdles (around a turn) when he clocked 23.4 seconds at Naichik, Tass news agency reported from Moscow.

The previous record was held by Yuri Lituyev with 23.5 seconds.—France-Presse.

DAVIS CUP RESULTS

European Zone

Warsaw, May 13.

Italy gained a winning 3-0 lead over Poland in the second round European Zone Davis Cup tie here today.

Italy will play Denmark in the quarter-finals.

In today's Doubles match the Italians Niola Pietrangeli and Orlando Sirola beat Platek and Radzio 6-3, 6-2, 6-4.

BELGRADE:

Britain gained a commanding position when the second round European Zone Davis Cup tie against Yugoslavia opened here today after a delay of two days' because of rain.

Britain's Roger Becker beat Josip Palada 6-4, 6-0, 6-2 in the first Singles and Billy Knight (Britain) was leading Ilija Panajotovic 6-4, 6-4, 5-2 when bad light halted play in the third set.

Winners of the tie, which will be continued tomorrow, meet Chile in the quarter-finals.—Reuter.

PRAGUE:

Czechoslovakia's Jiri Javorsky saved his team from a whitewash in the second round of the European Zone Davis Cup against Denmark when he won the final Singles here today.

He defeated Denmark's Kurt Nielsen 7-5, 2-6, 5-7, 6-4 and 7-5.

Denmark had increased its lead to 4-0 today when Torben Ulrich defeated Jiri Parma 3-6, 6-3, 6-3 and 6-4 in the third Singles.

Denmark qualified for the third round yesterday after winning the first two Singles and the Doubles matches.—France-Presse.

HORSE RACING

BUISSON ARDENT WINS FRENCH EQUIVALENT OF 2,000 GUINEAS

Paris, May 13.

The Aga Khan's Buisson Ardent, who took third place in the recent 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket, won the French equivalent of the Newmarket classic today.

Buisson Ardent, a 33-1 chance for the Epsom Derby on June 6, was ridden by Roger Poincelet and scored an easy 2½ lengths win from M. Maurice Fournier's El Relicario.

Victory in the one mile race was worth £1,534 to the Aga Khan.

Prince Aly Khan said that no decision had yet been made on whether the colt would run in the Derby.

But it was intended to race him at Ascot next month.

M. Paul Dubosco's Tenareze, quoted at 20-1 at the last Epsom Derby callover, took third place, a neck behind El Relicario.

Tenareze the favourite, was ridden by Leon Flavien.

M. Georges Wildenstein's Verrieres, ridden by Fred Palmer, was fourth in the field of ten.

Buisson Ardent, who paid 40 francs on the pari-mutuel for a 10-franc investment, took the lead half way up the straight and won comfortably. Places paid 13, 30 and 14 francs.

UNBEATEN RELAY

M. Marcel Boussac's brilliant unbeaten filly, Apollonia, bid for her fifth successive victory by racing to a comfortable four lengths win in the Poule D'Essai des Pouliches, the French 1,000 Guineas.

The winner's prize was £7,450.

Apollonia, hot favourite at about 2-1 on, was ridden by Serge Boullenger and flashed ahead entering the straight to leave the seven other runners virtually standing.

M. Georges Nomines Hilaca, ridden by Maurice Delcher, was second, three-quarters of a length in front of Prince Aly Khan's Fiere, a 40-1 chance for the Epsom Oaks on June 8.

Jean Massard rode Fiere.

M. Valentine Esmond's Dainty Cliff (Fred Palmer) took fourth place, a short head behind Fiere.

Pari-mutuel dividends for the [illegible] were win 1[illegible] 11, 14, [illegible] 50.—AFP.



The High Cost Of Walking

By "RECORDER"

George Stacy Kennedy Skipton yesterday walked a 20 Kilometres (12 Miles 752 Yards) course between the 20th milestone on the New Territories road and a point beyond Un Long and back in 1 hour 52 minutes 38 seconds. This was well off the world record of 1 hour 30 minutes 26.4 seconds set by Josef Dolezal of Czechoslovakia in 1953, but it is still a good performance by international standards.

As the 20 Kilometres Road Walk has only recently become a standard event—it will replace the 10 Kilometres Track Walk on the Olympic Games programme—it is difficult to say exactly how good this performance was internationally. The 20 Kilometres Walk in most national Championships last year was won between 1 hour 35 minutes and 1 hour 40 minutes with, in the Championships of the bigger countries, several men coming in under 1:50.

It is not improbable that Kennedy Skipton ranks somewhere in the world's best 50 in this event. Almost certainly he ranks in the world's best 100.

But walking is, I discovered yesterday, a very expensive sport. The hire of a car for six hours cost Mr Kennedy Skipton $50. He was walking, therefore, at a cost of more than $4 a mile.

G. S. Kennedy Skipton and entourage arrived at the 20th milestone at 7 p.m. Stanley McDermott, Kennedy Skipton's only opponent and runner-up to him in the One Mile Race Walk at the Colony Championships, arrived a few minutes later when the European YMCA athlete had already departed into the distance on his warming-up stint.

DID NOT "LIFT"

Warming up on more modern methods, which included limbering exercises and uphill sprints, McDermott proceeded at a great sprint pace on an uphill path, was met by the bark of a bewildered and angry Alsatian and came downhill again at the same rapid pace without once "lifting."

Watching him, the HKAAA's current Chief Race Walk Judge, Mr D. O. Silver, said that McDermott's sprint walk style was flawless and that he was a very high class sprint walker. It would be interesting, in the light of these remarks, to see how fast McDermott could walk 100 yards.

As the starting time zero hour of 7.30 p.m. approached, the Chief Judge and Associate Judge disagreed on a technicality. As the race was scheduled for 7.30 p.m. sharp and Kennedy Skipton was not yet in sight, the Associate Judge insisted that McDermott be set on his marks and be given the flag to proceed toward Un Long, Kennedy Skipton having disappeared in the other direction.

OVERRULED

However, it requires two Associate Race Walk Judges to overrule a Chief Judge and the race started behind schedule.

For a mile and a quarter Kennedy Skipton and McDermott were neck and neck. Then, Kennedy Skipton, much more experienced in circumnavigating traffic, took advantage of a disturbing motorbus to push slightly ahead as McDermott hesitated.

Shortly afterwards McDermott fell out after an attack of stomach cramp brought about, Mr Silver assured us, by the fact that he had not had anything to eat for some 12 hours.

Following Kennedy Skipton in the officials' car, I had an excellent opportunity to learn of the niceties of race walk judging. I can vouch for one fact. At no stage did Kennedy Skipton have both feet off the ground and in this respect he was technically never at fault.

At one stage a sand fly or some insect of a similar type kept disturbing Kennedy Skipton's shin and he lifted one foot completely off the ground to slap it off.

I immediately suggested to Mr Silver that Kennedy Skipton be informed at once that he was disqualified for lifting. Mr Silver smiled and explained, "Now, don't jump to conclusions. Don't you realise that he couldn't possibly be slapping at one leg without the other one being firmly on the ground."

LOGICAL

It struck me as being most logical. Certainly slapping at one's shin with both feet off the ground would be an acrobatic feat or one in the realms of levitation.

There were others beside the Chief Judge and Associate Judge who were convinced that it was a walking race. Some rural Chinese children en route started a chant of "left-right, left-right" which would have been inconsistent with their believing what they saw to be a running race.

Mr Silver explained to me the niceties of race walk judging. It wasn't even so important to watch the walker's feet, he explained, because in the very action of walking an athlete had to swing his shoulders in rhythm from side to side. If this rhythmic movement stopped, it was time to take an interest in the action of the feet. A runner's shoulders do not move with the same rhythm and, often enough, do not move at all.

On one point I was not satisfied for a while. The rules of race walking require that the knee in every foot movement be momentarily straightened. The rules do not define "moment" as one second, one tenth of a second or one thousandth of a second. I suggested to Mr Silver that I wasn't sure that I could observe a straightening of a knee.

MATTER OF DEGREE

Mr Silver replied to this one by asking me how many people in this world had legs that they could really straighten. The fact is that nearly everyone is bandy-legged, some more than others. It is just a matter of degree. For the purposes of race walk judging the motion of straightening the leg momentarily is quite enough. Anyone adopting shuffling tactics is immediately disqualified.

To sum up, I am quite convinced that Kennedy Skipton walks legitimately. Anyone who isn't can devote six hours of the late evening and night to it next time Mr Kennedy Skipton goes out to the Territories.

The race finished in almost pitch darkness. Kennedy Skipton reached the 10 Kilometres mark in a fast 54 minutes. Here, McDermott, having recovered from his stomach cramp with the aid of a cigarette, got out of the car and started on the way back.

The humidity was taking heavy toll of Kennedy Skipton despite the cool of the evening and this slowed him down on the way back. He called several times for sugar but said, after the race, that what he really needed was water.

An unselfish athlete, he left half a bottle for McDermott who finished some three minutes behind him. It took nearly 59 minutes on the road back.

Inter-School Athletics

Three records were broken at the Eleventh Inter-School Invitation Athletic meeting organised by the South China Athletic Association which started at Caroline Hill yesterday.

Eight finals were decided and other semi-finals events were also held.

Of the three records, two were claimed by the girls, in the "A" grade, in the shot put by Yee Wai-fon (Wellington School) and the other in the discus by Keung Pui-chau (Ling Ying School).

The third record went in the boys' "A" grade High Jump to Chan Sing-yee of Hong To School, at 5 feet 9¾ inches.

The final day of the meet will be held next Sunday at Caroline Hill starting at 9 a.m.

Following qualified for the finals of various events held yesterday:

FINALISTS

Boys'

"A" Grade

200 Metres: Tsui Kam-fai (QES); Hung Chee-kee (Pui Ching); Lee Fook-cheong (New Method); Tse Yau-keung (Pui Ching); Chan Hung-wai (Pui Kiu); Hung Chee-ei (Pui Ching). Best Time: 24.2 secs.

"B" Grade

200 Metres: Tam Hin-bing (Hong To); Yiu Chee-moon (St Louis); Yung Man-hai (New Method); Yeung Tin-yau (Pui Ching); Chang Shu-ching (New Method); Lau Yue-ang (Salesian). Best time: 26 secs.

"C" Grade

60 Metres: So Ho-leung (Chu Sing); Leung Kai-chu (Tung Wah); To Wing-lok (St Louis); Yip Kwok-keung (Pui Ching); Wong Kin (Pui Kiu); Mak Shu-chuen (St Louis). Best time: 8.9 secs.

Girls'

"A" Grade

200 Metres: Ng Shit-kwai (New Method); Lam Kak-lan (New Method); Chung Pui-hong (Pui Kiu); Chung Pui-ling (Ho Tung); Yue Chuy-yau (Pui Kiu); Kwong Yuet-kam (To Shan). Time: 29.4 secs.

"B" Grade

60 Metres: Chan Shiu-yiu (Chu Sing); Lam Shiu-ying (Chu Sing); Wong Miu-tsun (Pui Ching); Chan Ling (Pui Ching); Lu Shit-han (Pui Kiu); Chang Mei-kam (Pui Ching). Time: 9.2 secs.

100 Metres: Chung Shiu-kuen (Pui Kiu); Lo Ho-ling (Pui Kiu); Lam Shiu-ying (Chu Sing); Lo So-la (Pui Ching); Chan Ling (Pui Ching); Chan Shiu-ling (Chu Sing). Time: 15.3 secs.

Following were the results of the finals held yesterday:

Boys'

"A" Grade

800 Metres: 1, Lee Shi-chung (Tai Wah); 2, Leung Kam-po (New Method); 3, Cheung Chik-kwan (Pui Ching). Time: 2 mins. 9.7 secs.

Long Jump: 1, Lee Yee-man (Pui Ching); 2, Wong Yung (Pui Ching); 3, Kee Wan-loon (Pui Kiu). Dist.: 6.20 Metres.

Shot Put: 1, Chan Wai-lun (Pui Ching); 2, Sen Jat-quan (Hong Wah); 3, Cheung Chik-tao (Pui Ching). Dist.: 12.51 Metres.

Javelin: 1, Mak Pak-ming (Hong To); 2, Wong Ling-yeen (Pui Ching); 3, Kwan Kong (Pui Kiu). Dist.: 43.93 Metres.

High Jump: 1, Chan Sing-yee (Hong To); 2, Lee Chan-ka (Hong Wah); 3, Pang Chung (QES). Height: 1.765 Metres (Record).

3,000 Metres: 1, Chan King-ytn (New Method); 2, Wong Chung-yan (Pui Kiu); 3, Hung Shi-hong (Pui Ching). Time: 10 mins. 16.8 secs.

"B" Grade

High Jump: 1, Chan Shi-wai (Tung Wah); 2, Chang Yan-sen (Salesian); 3, Chan Wai-kee (Pui Ching). Height: 1.46 Metres.

Discus: 1, Chiu Sing (Hong To); 2, Chow Kai-soo (Pui Kiu); 3, Leung Chee-ho (Pui Ching). Dist.: 20.75 Metres.

"C" Grade

High Jump: 1, Leung Shi-kow (Pui Ching); 2, Wing Lok-ka (Pui Kiu); 3, Chang Gon-kwok (Pui Ching). Height: 1.33 Metres.

Girls'

"A" Grade

Long Jump: 1, Ng Shit-kwai (New Method); 2, Choy Wing-ping (Pui To); 3, Chung Po-chan (Ho Tung). Dist.: 4.05 Metres.

Shot Put: 1, Yee Wai-fon (Wellington); 2, Lee Yok-wah (Hongkong); 3, Chang Ying-yuen (Hong Wah). Dist.: 8.00 Metres (Record).

Discus: 1, Keung Pui-chau (Pui Kiu); 2, Chan Ying-kwok (Hong Wah); 3, Cheung Ping-chang (Ling Ying). Dist.: 26.22 Metres (Record).

"B" Grade

Throwing the Softball: 1, Chao Kit-chan (Hong To); 2, Koh Kachom (Pui Ching); 3, Chan Ngar-gee (Pui To). Dist.: 32.70 Metres.

Long Jump: 1, Chan Si-yung (All Saints); 2, So Shik-mui (Pui To); 3, Wong Mui-sheung (Pui Ching). Dist.: 4.13 Metres.

Hearts waited 50 years for their Scottish Cup triumph. For Tommy Walker the wait for his greatest footballing hour wasn't quite so long. In 1932 he joined the Tynecastle ground staff as a boy. Now, as manager of the club, he proudly holds aloft the Scottish Cup.

How does it feel to achieve the ambition of a lifetime? How was this magnificent Hearts team built up?

Mr Walker answers these and other questions in "MY DREAM COMES TRUE," which begins today.

MANAGERS DON'T HAVE TO SWEAR!

By TOMMY WALKER

Ever since I was a boy, I have heard one saying in Edinburgh over and over again: "Hearts will win the Scottish Cup when the trams stop running down Gorgie Road." Gorgie Road goes past Tynecastle Park. And, if any of you believe in omens, I only have to add that all the tram rails have been removed in the past 12 months. However, I hope it won't be necessary to have another such upheaval before Hearts win the Cup again!

Anyway, we HAVE done it at last, even if I am still finding it hard to realise. For me it is the realisation of a dream which has lasted almost a quarter-of-a-century —from that far-off day when, as a boy, I joined the Hearts ground staff.

I well remember how I used to have to walk the terracing, spearing loose paper with a stick. To keep my mind off my sore hands I would dream of the day when I would be in the Hearts team and we would walk off with the Cup at Hampden.

That was back in 1932, and certainly it never occurred to me that when we did at last win the Cup I would be Manager of the club.

The question I have been asked most often in the past week is: Why have Hearts managed to win two national trophies in two successive years after having won nothing for half-a-century?

It is hard to find words for the extra something that is the difference between average performance and complete success.

DIFFERENT OUTLOOK

I think perhaps there is a different outlook at Tynecastle these days. I won't say there is a better spirit, because through the years Hearts have been a very happy bunch of players. But I do think that we are more determined to succeed than in the days when I was a player myself.

When I think of the great men with whom I played—Jack Harkness, Andy Anderson, Alec Massie, John Johnstone, Andy Herd, Booby Johnstone, Barney Battles, John White, Andrew Miller, "Tiddler" Murray and many others—I cannot believe we have more ability now.

But I well remember how, in my early days at Tynecastle, we had been beaten and I heard a famous colleague say with a shrug: "Ah, well, there's always another time."

I think that is a wrong attitude. Defeat should not be shrugged off. It should be analysed and examined. There should be determination to eliminate mistakes, not to make them again.

I have preached this lesson over and over again. I have told the boys how there have been many great players—greater than they or I—whose names are forgotten. They are forgotten because they didn't succeed all the way. But win a Cup or a League Championship and you make history. Your names live on down the years just because of the event.

A friend said to me recently: "Tommy, one of the surprising things about Hearts is that they have turned into a fighting team. We really didn't expect that with you as manager and with your reputation."

I suppose that by "reputation," he meant that I go to church regularly and that I try my best to live up to my faith. I firmly believe in Christianity in sport. And I cannot understand why anyone should think there is any difficulty in combining the two.

Anyway, I know it is true that many people thought I could not succeed as a manager when I took over in February, 1951. They may yet be right, because I am not foolish enough to believe that a Cup success—or even two—is enough to establish either myself or the team for ever.

But, succeed or not, it will not change my belief that a football manager can still act in a Christian manner—and that cursing and swearing, for instance, are not essentials to the game! PLAYERS MAY BE LED, SELDOM DRIVEN, BY THOSE IN AUTHORITY.

SPECIAL MENTION

I need hardly say that I am extremely proud of our team. But I know the rest will forgive me if I single out left-half John Cumming for special mention, particularly for his performance on Cup-final day.

He showed extreme courage and tremendous club loyalty in coming back on the field after his forehead had been cut and three stitches had had to be inserted.

Then to have those stitches burst and still to insist on carrying on was, to me, one of the bravest things I have ever seen in football.

I am very happy that Tom McKenzie, Fred Glidden, Alf Conn, Willie Bauld and Jimmy Wardhaugh now have Scottish Cup medals. These five are the players left in the side who were signed by the late Mr David McLean, my predecessor as manager, and the man to whom I owe so much.

When I tell you that telegrams have reached us from Sweden, Germany, Hongkong, New Guinea, India, America, Canada and Africa, you will realise just how widespread the interest has been.

But to get back to my theme. Those five players — with Glidden converted from wing-half to centre-half—were largely the rock round which the side was built.

I feel we owe a particular debt to our longest serving player, Tom McKenzie. (He has been with us for 12 seasons). Tom came in when our captain, Bobby Parker, was injured and he has played like a hero ever since.

It has, of course, been particularly hard luck on Bobby. But he has been splendid about it. I only hope that his turn is still to come.

TRANSFER FEE

Only one of the team cost us a transfer fee—and it wasn't a very big one. He is our full-back Bobby Kirk. I'm sure everybody will agree that he is one of the best buys the club has ever made. I thought he had an outstanding game at Hampden.

Our outside-left, Ian Crawford, after he had been given a free transfer, was signed by me largely because I remembered him as a boy trialist at Tynecastle. His goals alone speak for his value to us.

To complete the side, there is goalkeeper Willie Duff, from the Juvenile Esthouses Lily; right-half David Mackay, from Newtongrange Star; John Cumming, from Carluke Rovers; and Alec Young, from Newtongrange Star.

Everyone of them gave everything he had to win this trophy.

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NEXT ARTICLE: What that victory over Rangers meant to us.

SOVIET SWIM RECORDS

Moscow, May 13.

Soviet swimmer Vitali Sorokin today lowered the national record for the 400 Metres Free Style in a Leningrad pool, when he clocked four minutes, 34 seconds.

In Moscow today, L. Balandin covered the 100 Metres free-style in the excellent time of 59.1 seconds.—France-Presse.

MOORE AND POMPEY MEET



Sitting down to dinner together are Yolande Pompey (left) and Archie Moore. They were seen at luncheon on May 8 in London. Moore who arrived a day earlier, puts his title at stake against Yolande Pompey at Harringay next month, and has even brought a tape recorder to recall some of the questions and answers and comments of events before the big fight takes place. — Central Press Photo.

FRENCH RECORD

Strasbourg, May 13.

France's Guy Husson broke his own national record for the Hammer Throw when he made a throw of 57.10 metres (187 feet 4 inches) at an athletic meeting here today.

His former record of 56.45 metres was set up at Bordeaux in September, 1954. — France-Presse.

CIVIL AID SERVICES ORDERS

No. 12. Orders by the Hon. C. E. Terry, Commissioner, Civil Aid Services of May 11, 1956.

1. Pay Parades.—(a) Pay Parades will be held as stated below. Payments will not be made unless C.A.S. Identity Card is produced. (b) Personnel of the undermentioned units will report to th. C.A.S. Paymaster at the Kowloon Training Centre between 1800 hrs and 1900 hrs on the dates stated:—23.5.56. (Wednesday) Mongkok Zone, Hunghom Zone. 25.5.56. (Friday) Kaumai Zone, Kowloon City Zone. 28.5.56. (Monday) Shamshuipo Zone, Tsimshatsui Zone. (c) Personnel of the undermentioned units will report to the C.A.S. Paymaster at the Pay Office, C.A.S Headquarters between 1730 hrs and 1900 hrs on the dates stated:—30.5.56. (Wednesday) Eastern Zone, Aberdeen Zone, Stanley Zone. 1.6.56. (Friday) Central Zone, Communications Unit, Records Section. 4.6.56. (Monday) Western Zone, Upper Levels Zone. 6.6.56. (Wednesday) Shaukiwan Zone, Bay View Zone. 8.6.56. (Friday) Rescue Service, Hongkong Command Post, Kowloon Command Post.

2. C.A.S. Pay Section—Full Day Training.—Full day training will take place on Sunday, May 20, 1956, at C.A.S. Headquarters, 0900 to 1700 hours.

3. Examination Results — Basic Rescue.—The undermentioned attended examinations, and qualified, in Basic Rescue on the following dates:—(a) April 23, 1956. Central Zone.—30673 Lee Shiu-ching, 31339 Leung Hon-ming, 31394 Lam Yue-chung, 31550 Chan Kwok-hoi, 31583 Wan Pun-hoi, 32199 Tong Tang-kam, 33380 Cheung Ki-sek, 33631 Chow Sze-tong, 33632 Lee Chung-fat, 33842 Cho Don, 33997 Wong Kam-kai, 34194 Wong Pik-shing, 34308 Woo King-keung, 34342 Wong Sau-ping. (b) May 1, 1956. Yaumati Zone.—32482 Tsang Kwok-yu, 33023 Cheng Hung-kwan, 33400 Cheung Pui-chuen, 33462 Lam Shu-fun, 33466 Lo Yiu-wing, 33523 Yip Chun-wung, 33527 Lo Chi-kin, 33900 Lau Kwok-chu, P., 33957 Tai Fai-loong, 33966 Chan Kwan, 33970 Ho King-sang, 33979 Kwok Ying-sum, 33984 Au Sik-yue, 33971 Wong Pak-keung, 34117 Kwan Kwong-cheung, 34118 Lam Kwai-wing, 34139 Lau Sai-fun (Miss), 34301 Leung Shook-ching (Miss). (c) May 3, 1956. Eastern Zone.—30366 Kwong Yuet-kwong, 31007 Hsieh Show-ping, 31206 Tsang Kwong-fai, 31412 Leung Yu-loong, 31688 Kwok Tung-fun, 32306 Lam Shung-wai, 32821 Cheng Ping-lam, 32859 Sun Kit-fong (Miss), 32950 Tuet Che-yin, 32974 Chan Fai, 33009 Suen Kan-chuen, 33200 Kwong Che-hung, 33723 Wong Pui-yue, 33782 Cheng Hin-bor, 33800 Tse Siu-hong, 33810 Wong Chi, 33927 Chan Chi-ming, 33948 Yeung Kwok-chu, 30704 Tang Hon-yuen. (d) May 4, 1956. Eastern Zone.—32672 Ho Shing, 32743 Yau Sik-on, 32814 Yeung King-keung, 33868 Yau Chi-wan (Miss), 33004 Lai Sai-ming, 33199 Ma Hon-keung, 33309 Wong Ting-chee, 33365 Butt Kar-kit, 33374 Hui Kwong-hai, 33385 Sung Shing-mou, 33406 Lam Koo, 33547 Yu Tung-ming, 33666 Man Kwok-hong, 33728 Chan Shing-ming. (e) May 7, 1956. Upper Levels Zone.—30478 Chow Sui-tung, 30490 Lam Kwok-kam, 30617 Yim King, 30908 Li Yue-chiu, 30980 Cheung Tong, 31024 Leung Ying, 31033 Sun Yat-sun, 31035 Chan Chin-man, 31037 Fan Shiu-tong, 31151 Chan Shiu-king, 32026 Fung Yiu-cheung, 32029 Fung Yiu-keung, 32119 Yuen Kam-chiu, 33232 Chau Lai-kai.

4. Examination Results — Basic Fire-Fighting.—The undermentioned attended examinations, and qualified, in Basic Fire-Fighting on the following dates:—(a) April 30, 1956. Shamshuipo Zone.—30990 Wong Chan-sang, 31063 O Yeung-yin, 32471 Hung Hin-yee, 32849 Lam On, 33228 Ho Kang-bor, 33436 Wong Hung, 33708 Kam Poy-kit, 33822 Lu Kai, 33854 Leung Wing, 33880 Tam Shing-chi, 33883 Lo Yan-tat, 33941 Lo Pok (Mrs), 34003 Fung Kwan-tat, 34079 Wong May-king, M. (Mrs), 34142 Wong Kwok-ki, 34204 Cheung Wai, 34222 Pang Tak-wah, 34245 Hui Chin-shing, 34270 Chan Fuk-kwan, 34285 Choi Keung-wai, 34362 Lee Ho-yam, 34364 Wu Wai-ling. (b) May 2, 1956. Eastern Zone.—30115 Ma Sai-hung, 30773 Fok Man-kui, 30906 Ho Chak-leung, 31113 Au Yiu-wah, 31164 Chu Lam, 31610 Chiu Kwan, 31712 Yeung King-sui, W., 31820 Lau Hoi-tung, 32012 Chan Kung-sang, 32064 Mak Fai, 32131 Yeung Wing-hong, 32367 Lo Koon-yung, 32813 She Hang-wo, 32979 Lai Hee-sing, 32980 Liu Chung-ming, T., 33030 Tang Chi-kwong, 33053 Chan Hon-fai, 33137 Fan Kang-poor, 33307 Chan Yeung-fong, 33379 Lau Shing-wai, 33381 Lau Wing-hin, 33391 Tso Tse-kam, 33528 Mui Chiu-ying, 33840 Chan Lai-laan (Mrs), 33930 Chan Yuk-lin (Mrs), 33964 Cheung Lee-mie (Miss), 34002 Cheung Siu-chi, L., 34017 Cheung Lee-fong (Miss). (c) May 3, 1956. Eastern Zone.—30267 Ma Sai-him, 31411 Leung Yu-foon, 31700 Tsang Kuen, 32505 Fong Hung-sang, 32674 Leung Kwok-chu, 32877 Wong Ka-chit, 32670 Lai Chu-pong, 32741 Luk Siu-yam, 32815 Yau Shek-lun, 33322 Choi Wai, 33343 Tang Wai-lim, 33384 Li Kwok, 33403 Lau Chung-kwan, 33400 Kwok Hok-chung, 33587 Liu Yen-pui, 33740 Kwan Foon, 34016 Mok Shu-wing, 34033 Au Yeung Kai-chau, 34063 Kwok Wao-to, 34119 Yeung Pui, 34227 Tam Wing-hong, 3 26 Chan Kong-on.

D. R. W. ALEXANDER,
Chief Staff Officer,
Civil Aid Services.
11.5.56.

Auxiliary Medical Service Orders

Serial No. 3/56 Orders by the Hon. K. C. Yeo, Unit Controller, Auxiliary Medical Service, of May 14, 1956.

Commendation.—C2719 Auxiliary Dresser Man Chan Wah was able to render first-aid treatment to a victim of a traffic accident on May 2 1956. The victim was unconscious and was suffering from haemorrhage of the head and nose, and fractures of the left hand and right foot. The Unit Controller highly commends this member of the A.M.S. for his initiative in rendering prompt first-aid treatment on the spot.

1. **Training.**—The following members are required to report for training as shown below:—(a) **Basic First-Aid Course No. BFA/217, Kowloon T.B. Clinic**—at 7.30 p.m., May 16, 18, 23 and 25—5153 Cheung Kit-man, 5166 Li Siu-shum, 5139 Lee Kwok-wing, 2956 Wong Man-hong, 4989 Lai Yi-chee, 5062 Leung Yun-tong, 5101 Tsang Hing-yan, 5135 Leung Keen-shing, 5127 Lau Kim-ming P., 5156 Lee Po-jan, 5189 Lau Kwok-kuen, 5154 Lau Sik-cheung. (b) **Ward Training Course No. WAD/310 Kowloon Hospital**—9 a.m. to 4 p.m., May 15, 16, 17 and 18—C770 Leung Chun-chiu. (c) **Operating Theatre Course—Queen Mary Hospital—Course No. TAD/119**—May 19 and 20—2 p.m. to 9 p.m.; May 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 27—9 a.m. to 5 p.m.—2074 Fung Kim-sheung. (d) **Refresher Courses — A.M.S. Training Ward, Kowloon Hospital—Course No. WR/62**—May 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22—7 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.—2294 Wong Kam-chung, 3827 Wong Sau-wa, 2370 Sze Fu-wing. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.—3261 Lee Lin-shak, 3284 Lee Hung-por. 2.30 p.m. to 10 p.m.—2620 Wong Chung-ying, 4852 Fong Chi-yan, 4775 Tsoi Chi-shing. Course No. WR/63 May 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26—7 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.—2617 Li Chak-on, 3027 Lee Fook-chung, 2649 Lam Chee-lit. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.—4023 Ng Hon-wing, 2432 Cheung Hung-fat. 2.30 p.m. to 10 p.m.—2072 Lam Leung-tim, 2075 Fong Chung-hin, 1991 K. R. Chung. Course No. WR/64—May 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30—7 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.—2050 Ling Kam-tak, 2137 Leung Wai-lam, 3407 Chung Ling-lun. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.—2104 Mark Ting-hung, 2756 Woo Chiu-tak. 2.30 p.m. to 10 p.m. —3010 Lam Hung-yee, 4297 Leung Wai-yip, 311 Chiu Fook-kie. (e) **Message Writing—A.M.S. Headquarters, Tower Court, Hysan Avenue, Hongkong**—6.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. May 16—3706 W. E. Albert Leong, 2700 Lam Pui-yin, 4325 Ng Cheuk-chiu. (f) **First-Aid Post Training**—Training of all First Aid Post personnel, with the exception of Doctors, will commence on the dates as shown:—F.A.P. No. U746—Team "A" May 23, Team "B" June 6. F.A.P. No. C70—Team "A" May 23, Team "B" June 6. F.A.P. No. E236—Team "A" May 23, Team "B" June 6. F.A.P. No. E243—Team "A" June 6, Team "B" May 23. F.A.P. No. B28—Team "A" June 6, Team "B" May 23. F.A.P. No. Q587—Team "A" May 23, Team "B" June 6. F.A.P. No. W826—Team "A" June 4, Team "B" June 6. F.A.P. No. A2—Team "A" May 23, Team "B" June 6. F.A.P. No. 11361—Team "A" May 22, Team "B" June 5. F.A.P. No. K421—Team "A" May 22, Team "B" June 6. F.A.P. No. T007—Team "A" May 23, Team "B" May 23. F.A.P. No. Y915—Team "A" June 6, Team "B" May 23. F.A.P. No. K416—Team "A" June 6, Team "B" May 23. F.A.P. No. D153—Team "A" May 22, Team "B" June 6.

Individual notices have been despatched to all members taking part in the above training.

2. **Results Of Courses Attended.**—(a) **Ward Training**—Result "Good" —WAD/304, 1983 Lai Fook-hong. Result "Fair"—WAD/300, 4405 Lung Wai-fong. (b) **Ward Refresher**—Result "Excellent"—WR/59, 2233 Tsang Shing-kan; 2338 Un Hak-yeung; 4709 Wong Ping-leung; 3560 Lau Hok-ming. Result "Very Good"—WR/54, 4689 Chu Kwong-yin; WR/59, 328 Yu Wing-kwong; 4782 Li Shu-fai; 2230 Chan Koon-ngok; 3961 Lam Ip-hing; 3168 Ip Kin-chuen. Result "Good"—WR/54, 2810 Chan Lim; 4716 Lau Kin-hoi; 4681 Shum Chung-yau; 4728 Tang Wai-ming; 4603 Li Tai-ying; WR/56, 3072 Leung Man-wah; 2279 Ho Hing-wah. Result "Fair"—WR/54, 2753 Wong Kam-shing; 4737 Poon Po-shun; WR/55, 3570 Lam Wing-lim. (c) **Driving Course**—The following members have been passed as capable lorry drivers by Unit Controller, Land Transport during the month of April, 1956:—3764 Leung Yat-kan, 2402 Tsang Chi-man, 245 Wong Kin-kwan, 3607 Ho Kam-shing, 305 Wong Tak-shan, 521 Wong Chung-fai, 269 Yee Hong-ping, 270 Mong King-fai, 3904 Boey Kok-keng, 4783 Cheung Sau Kwan, 2005 S. C. Lam, 2147 Cheung Wing-goey, 3029 Lee Chuen-sun, 1729 Chung Yin-hung, 4021 Lee Kam-ming, 5123 Hu Tsu-ming, 3597 Man Hon-wah, 5139 Lee Kwok-wing, 4827 Liang Man-wai, 2162 Chan Chun-cheung, 4979 Shin Ka-yiu, 5108 K. Y. Chen, 4840 Wan Kwok-ming, 4018 Lee Hak-kim, 2700 Wong Kin-hung, 4956 Fong Hing-wah, 4710 Wong Pock-yin, 4773 Huie Kon-sum, 3453 Chan Yue-lam, 2001 Ip Hung-chee, 1371 Leung Man-sang, 4316 Kwok Wai-leung, 3167 Liu Yin-lam, 4817 Woo Sai-lok, 1178 Tong Tai.

3. **Transfers.**—W.e.f. May 8, 1956 —818 Fong Kwai-wah from H361A to D153FAP/22 Shift B; 729 Ling Kee from D153B to T007FAP/22 Shift B; 3015 Leung Sum-wing from T007B to K421 FAP/22 Shift A; 736 Fan Chee from K421A to H361FAP/22 Shift A. W.e.f. May 10, 1956—963 Lam Chi-fung from W826A to U746FAP/21 Shift A; 906 Lo Tim-fook from C70B to U746 FAP/22 Shift B; 965 Yu Wing-sum from C70B to C70FAP/21 Shift A; 971 Tsui Chee-keung from U746B to C70FAP/22 Shift A; 900 Wan Shiu-hon from C70A to E236FAP/21 Shift B; 15353 F. A. Crestejo from M.T.C. to D153FAP/5 Shift A.

4. **Appointment & Promotions.** — W.e.f. May 10, 1956—908 Lo Tim-fook from Aux. dresser to Acting Asst. Supervisor; 965 Yu Wing-sum from Asst. Supervisor to Acting Supervisor; 927 Yuen Chiu-ming from Aux. dresser to Acting Asst. Supervisor; 921 Chu Shiu-lun from Asst. Supervisor to Acting Supervisor; 990 Wan Shiu-hon from Asst. Supervisor to Acting Supervisor; 975 Wai Yiu-wah from Asst. Supervisor to Acting Supervisor; 915 Ho Tse-kwan from Asst. Supervisor to Acting Supervisor; 968 Chan Yau-shing from Asst. Supervisor to Acting Supervisor; 1071 Chan Po-tak from Aux. dresser to Acting Asst. Supervisor.

5. **Enquiries.**—Members who wish to make enquiries by telephone are requested to ring the following number:—73146.

J. OWERS,
Medical Defence Staff Officer,
Auxiliary Medical Service.

Auxiliary Fire Service Orders

No. 18. Orders by Mr Peter Cheung, Acting Superintendent, Auxiliary Fire Service of May 12, 1956.

Public Holiday: May 21, 1956 being a public holiday, the training programme for this day is hereby cancelled.

(Sgd) K. A. BAKER,
Atg. D/Supt., A.F.S.

Club News

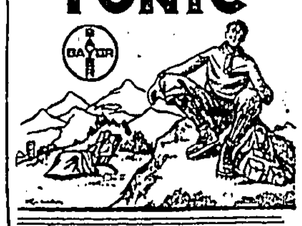
Launch Picnic: The Club is arranging a Launch Picnic to Clear Water Bay on Saturday, May 19, 1956 and the launch hired from the Hongkong & Yaumati Ferry Co., Ltd. will leave the King Shan Pier, opposite the Sincere Co. at 2.30 p.m. and return from Clear Water Bay at 6.30 p.m.

Tickets which are available for sale to all members of the A.F.S. and their relatives/friends at $1 each are obtainable at the Club House, Arsenal Yard (Stn. Offr. Luk Tat-chuen or Mr Leung Kwai-lun).

Note:—(i) Only 350 tickets will be sold; (ii) Children will be charged at the same rate.

(Sgd.) LEE PING-CHEONG,
Hon. Secretary
H.K. Auxiliary Fire Service
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May 9, 1956.

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(Extract from "The Ibis" official organ of the British Ornithologists' Union, British Museum).

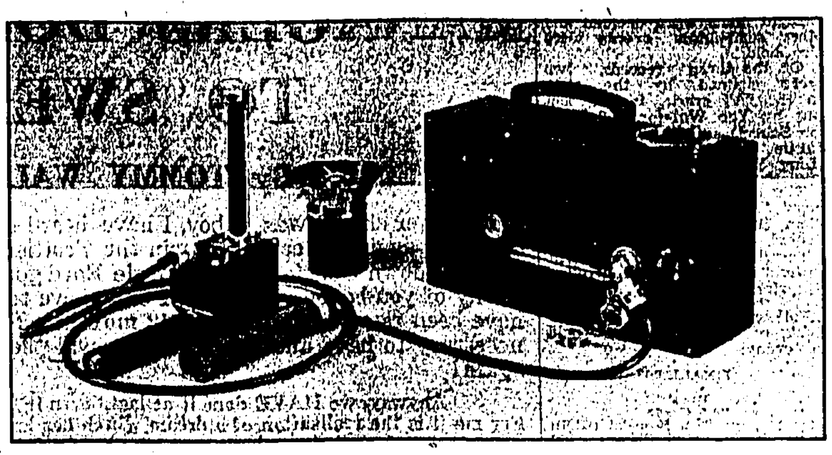
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A battery-operated instrument designed for geological surveying, mapping and prospecting for radioactive ores and for the examination of mine workings has been developed by a British firm in conjunction with Britain's Atomic Energy Research Establishment.

When the instrument is used in conjunction with the associated beta probe unit, assay work can be carried out in the field.



Radioactive ratemeter for geological surveying and prospecting for radioactive ores. Field assays can be carried out by means of the beta probe unit, which is on left of the picture, and which obtains its power supplies from the ratemeter through a six-foot cable. The ratemeter uses a junction type transistor. Makers are Ericsson Telephones Ltd. of Beeston, Nottingham, England.

The equipment, by Ericsson Telephones Ltd, of Beeston, Nottingham, England, is known as the "1368" Field Ratemeter.

The instrument is a particle counter which incorporates a junction-type transistor and four Geiger Muller tubes.

The counter rate is shown on a 50-microampere indicating meter calibrated in milli-Rontgens per hour.

Five ranges available in the instrument cover count rates of 0 to 25 milli-Rontgens per hour.

An accuracy of either ten per cent or two per cent can be chosen by operating a selector switch and the speed of response of the instrument depends on the accuracy chosen.

The power supplies are all derived from three 1.5 volt torch cells and a stabiliser ensures that the instrument is not affected by changes in battery voltage between 4.5 and three volts.

The beta probe unit obtains its power supplies from the ratemeter through a six-foot cable.

It is used for making assays of radioactive ores and the detailed examination of rock facings and mine workings which are inaccessible to the ratemeter operator.

The total weight of the equipment is 28 pounds, which includes the ratemeter, probe unit, with extension handle, head-phones, sample holders, filling funnel for assay work, tools, spare parts and canvas haversack, the complete supply being contained in a lightweight alloy suitcase. The ratemeter itself weighs eight and a half pounds.

ROBOT TELEPHONE ANSWERER

Pye Limited, of Cambridge, England, has produced a prototype of an instrument which will answer a telephone automatically and record a caller's message.

It is called the Robotphone, and can be installed either close to a telephone or some distance away in another room.

When the telephone has rung unanswered for ten seconds, the answering unit connects to the line and a pre-recorded announcement is spoken, identifying the subscriber called and asking the caller to dictate a message.

For each call, three minutes' calling time is allotted, and when the caller finishes his message the machine clears the line.

The instrument is arranged for a total of one hour of recorded messages.

If the final message leaves less than three minutes of recording time, no further calls will be answered.

The answering announcement can be up to 50 seconds long, and can be checked for accuracy and clarity by play-back.

On reception of the first message, a signal lamp lights up and remains lit until the machine is played back. Reproduction of messages is by loud-speaker or head-set, and a lock prevents unauthorised access.

Automation In The Laboratory

A series of electronic devices which will automatically perform vital routine analyses in the laboratory has been developed by a British firm.

The first instrument to reach commercial production is a meter for the automatic determination of moisture.

Its electronic system is so arranged that it will also automatically carry out the titration of chemicals. This is the measurement of the amount of any given chemical on the basis of the quantity of it required to cause a chemical reaction with a standardised solution of another chemical.

The reaction, or end point, of such titration measurements is shown by the lighting up of a pilot lamp.

The makers claim that the results achieved are equal to good manual titration. Every instrument in the series is of a type normally found in the analytical laboratory, but all have been adapted to at least partial automation. The skilled operator is thus relieved for other work for at least some of the time he would otherwise have to spend on routine but highly skilled operations.

The firm claims that the instruments will also enable considerable laboratory analytical work to be done by an unskilled operator, since, in general, the more difficult part of the technique necessary has been made automatic through electronic system of measurement and control. The firm: Baird and Tatlock Ltd, 14-17, St Cross Street, London EC2.

Portable Centrifugal Pump

A portable centrifugal pump which can be driven by an electric or pneumatic rotary drill, has been designed by Blagdon-Durham Ltd, of Durham, England.

The pump is an effective means, the firm states, of controlling "nuisance" water in mine workings, on coal faces, in roadways or wherever power-driven rotary drills are available.

Comprising three main cast-steel sections, which form one complete unit, the pump weighs 40 pounds.

The upper gearcase section carries main-drive shaft threaded at one end to receive a universal fitting for coupling to mining drills and flanged at the other end to form a planet-wheel carrier.

This shaft is supported on bearings, spaced by a tube, and positioned by a circlip in a groove in the wall of the gear-case.

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A recess in the base of this casting holds a flanged internally-toothed annular gear which is drilled to allow it and the gearbox bottom cover plate to be secured by studs to the casing.

The cover plate houses a bearing, sealed on its lower side, which supports the pump impeller shaft, the shaft and the sun wheel pinion forming an integral unit.

Spring-loaded shaft seals retain the pre-packed lubricant and exclude water, promoting, it is claimed, the operation-without-maintenance feature so necessary with this kind of equipment.

Advantages claimed for the pump are: 1, It does not require any special power supply of its own; 2, Slurry and water containing solid matter can be effectively handled, choking being avoided by using an open-sided impeller revolving at high speeds; 3, The design of the pump enables it to remove water to a minimum depth of one and a quarter inches on a hard surface, and on a loose surface, as the pump digs a sump for itself, almost complete de-watering is possible.

FLOW-LINE PRODUCTION

Sets New Standards Of Production

A British firm which, it is claimed, is one of the foremost manufacturers of specialised packaging materials in Europe, recently opened a new factory in London in which flow-line methods of production have been applied.

The firm states that this application represents a pioneering venture which sets new standards of production, quality and hygiene in the collapsible tube industry—an industry which in Britain alone is now producing 360 million tubes a year.

Flow-line is a system of continuous production by means of which manual processes are virtually eliminated.

Where formerly machines performing indentical operations —extrusion, capping and so on —were grouped in their respective sections, they are now incorporated individually in separate flow-lines.

In addition to other new equipment, the layout of the plant contains a number of machines designed and manufactured by the company's own development and engineering department.

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Flow-line production has materially cut time and labour.

A tube which formerly took five hours to produce can now be made in 20 minutes. Four operators now perform the work of eight.

When the problem of switching over to flow-line production was first approached, the primary difficulties encountered at the time were those of "transfer mechanisms," that is the movement of tubes from one process to the next.

These problems were overcome by the firm's own technical development department.

The flow-line operates at 55 tubes per minute.

The firm is: Venesta Ltd, Vintry House, Queen Street Place, London, EC4.

Diaphragm-Operated Valves

A diaphragm - operated valve for use in pneumatic control circuits where comparatively low air pressures are employed has been developed by Martonair Ltd, of Parkshot, Richmond, Surrey, England.

The makers say that the normal type of air-operated valves, such as one used with air pressures of 30 to 100 pounds per square inch, will not function on such low pressures, and they have had to resort to diaphragm-operated valves.

The diaphragm will operate the five port one-eighth inch valve at pressures down to one pound per square inch, and the valve is suitable for use with air at 30 to 100 pounds per square inch.

The same diaphragm mechanism can be incorporated in the larger sizes of the Martonair valve range, or alternatively the small valve can be used to pilot operate a large valve.

Gas Heaters

Two new gas heaters, designed for use in industrial premises, are being produced by William Sugg Ltd, of Regency Street, London, SW1.

The first, the Raymaster radiant heater, is for suspension from the ceiling; the second, the Halcyon convection model, may be fitted on a wall or behind it with special ducting to the area to be heated.

The firm states that the Raymaster is particularly suited for lofty buildings, the normal fixing height being between nine and ten feet from the floor and no flue is required.

In the convector model, the passage of air through the heating surfaces is aided by an electric fan.

Mail Notices

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MONDAY, MAY 14
By Air
Thailand, Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
By Surface
Macao, 6 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 15
By Air
Thailand, 10 a.m.
Peking, Shanghai, Kunming, Hankow, 10 a.m.
Indo-China, France, 11 a.m.
Philippines, 2 p.m.
Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 2 p.m.
Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., 2 p.m.
Formosa, 6 p.m.
Thailand, Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
Canada, 6 p.m.
Laos, 6 p.m.
Philippines, N. Borneo, 6 p.m.
Japan, 6 p.m.
U.S.A., 6 p.m.
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.
Philippines, Ceylon, Middle East, Italy, Great Britain, Europe, (Netherland, Parcels direct), 11 a.m.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Thailand, 2 p.m.
Sarawak, North Borneo, 2 p.m.
Malaya, Indonesia, 5 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.
Indo-China, Noon.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 17
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.
Japan, U.S.A., C. & S. America, 1 p.m.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Indo-China, 2 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 18
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Japan, 2 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

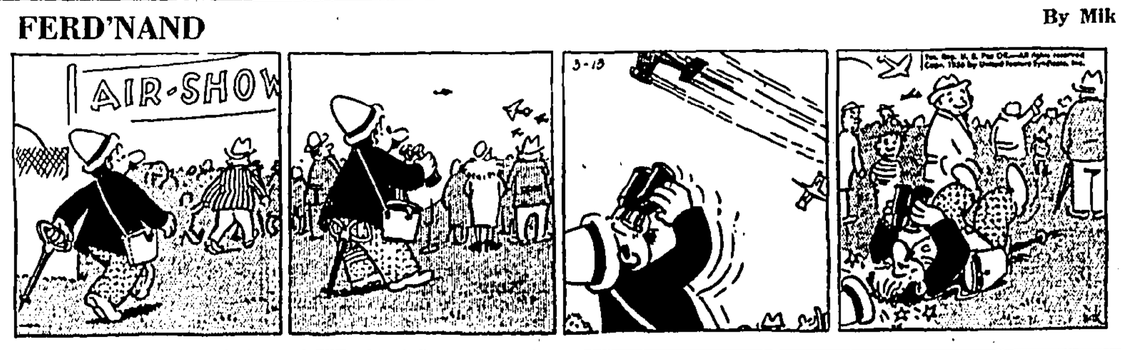
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By Surface
Formosa, 9 a.m.
China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.
Malaya, India, Noon.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Indo-China, France, 2 p.m.
Burma, 3 p.m.
Nepal, 4 p.m.
Ceylon, 4 p.m.
China, People's Republic, 9 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN — By Lee Falk and Phil Davis





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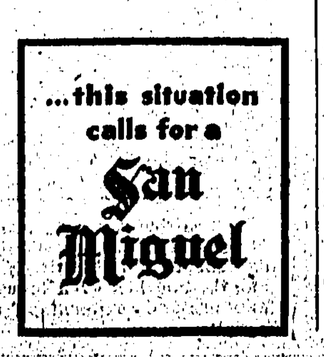
NANCY — By Ernie Bushmiller





JOHNNY HAZARD — By Frank Robbins





TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

US MOTOR INDUSTRY HIT

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately $513,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
BANKS			
HK Bank			97 @ 1060
East Asia	230		
INSURANCES			
Union	975	20	@ 950
Lombard	60½		
SHIPPING			
Waterboat	21		
DOCKS, ETC			
K Wharf	82½	84	100 @ 82½
Dock	38½	39½	2000 @ 38½
			500 @ 38¾
Provident (O)		14	178 @ 13.00
Wheelock	8.70	8.80	500 @ 8.80
			2000 @ 8.75
LAND, ETC			2000 @ 8.75
HK Hotel	13.70	13.80	500 @ 13.80
HK Land	62	63	200 @ 62½
Humphreys		17.40	
Realty	1.45	1.50	
RUBBER			
A. Rubber		1.40	
UTILITIES			
Tram	22.60	22.70	100 @ 22.70
Star Ferry		140	
Yimati Ferry	107	109	300 @ 108
C. Light (O)	22½	22.70	400 @ 22.80
Electric		30¼	
Bonus			52 @ 29.80
Telephone	22.40	22.80	500 @ 22½
Rts	11.80		1851 @ 11.90
INDUSTRIALS			
Cement	34½	35	500 @ 35
Rope		13.80	
STORES, ETC			
Dairy	10.20		2500 @ 10.10
Watson	10.60	11	100 @ 10.90
COTTONS			
Textile Corp	5.30	5.35	1000 @ 5.30
Nanyang	7½	7.70	
MISCELLANEOUS			
Allied		5.45	
H.K. & F.E.			
Invest	10.60	11.10	

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:—

U.S. dollar (per $1)	5.80
Sterling notes (per £1)	15.50
Australian notes (per £1)	12.40
Indonesian rupiah (per 100)	10.10
Siam tical (per 100)	26.40
Singapore (Straits)	1.82

Uncertainty Affecting London Tin Market

By Laurence Meredith

London, May 13.

The tin market continued to be wracked by uncertainty and its prolongation has reduced investment interest in tin mining shares on the London market to a low ebb.

Tin circles here said that the United States Administration's decision to continue operating the Texas City Tin smelter for the time being has not completely resolved the present uncertainties that exist for the industry since US reports say the national stockpile objective for tin is likely to be completed by June 30, whereafter the Federal Facilities Corporation have power to offer tin on the open market.

The market here is anxiously awaiting now some public statement on the amount of intake of ores which the Texas Smelter will take. To avoid any disturbance in the market this would have to be in the region of 12,000 to 15,000 tons annually. The trade here say this is the amount of surplus expected by the end of 1956 and any greater uptake would create a shortage.

Production Costs

Meanwhile, Indonesia's ratification of the International Tin Agreement is anxiously awaited. The interim committee of the International Tin Council met this past week to complete its preparatory work for the new agreement. Once Indonesia ratifies, the agreement can come into force.

A. Strauss and Company, Limited, the London metal merchants have some interesting things to say in this month's report on the tin industry about production costs in tin mines in relation to the price ranges in the international tin agreement, which were laid down almost three years ago.

Under the new agreement there is a price span of £720 a ton to £800 a ton within which the buffer stock manager will not operate. Below he can buy and above sell.

Strauss pointed out that the lower limit of the agreements central price range, it would scarcely cover costs, while costs would rise to £800 per ton if the international agreement should be followed by a 25 per cent cut in production.

Bolivia has the highest tin production costs in the world. A figure of £1,000 per ton has been quoted. This is chiefly to the difficult types of deposits in Bolivia plus the fact that the mines have to be worked at an altitude of between 13,000 and 16,000 feet.

On Bolivia, Strauss has this to say: "However, as she will want to keep her mines employed under any conditions, and since she needs the foreign exchange derived from her tin ore exports, she is unlikely to cut production, even if there were a substantial fall in the price."

Nigerian mines are said to show a profit if the producers can get between £700 and £750 per long ton for their tin.

No Estimates

In Siam, the Siamese tin syndicate estimates production costs varying between £350 and £600 per ton.

No cost estimates are available for Indonesia but Strauss estimates them as similar to Malaya. In Malaya production costs are the lowest in the world, with the best European dredging companies at £300 a ton, even after government royalties have been paid. But taking the country as whole, including the Chinese mines, £500 is average.—United Press.

Attempt To Whittle Down Number Of Unsold Cars Makes Little Headway

By JOHN MORKA

New York, May 13.

US auto manufacturers scheduled new production cutbacks and layoffs last week and appeared to be making little headway in whittling down to more manageable levels the huge and cumbersome stocks of unsold cars.

Production is down 22 per cent from a year ago, with the so-called independents hit the worst. Dealers are complaining about dwindling profit margins and bigger operating costs. Layoffs in the automobile industry are mounting. Latest estimates place this total at 137,000 in the week ended April 28.

Stocks of unsold cars are at near-record levels. As of March 1, some 903,600 autos cluttered up salesrooms of dealers all over the country. This total was pared somewhat in March but the figure has since climbed during April.

With time running out before the new 1957 models go into production late this summer, a lot of people aren't so sure the industry isn't heading for trouble.

GM Best

This past week Chrysler is laying off 62,000 additional workers. Since mid-December the company has dropped some 37,200 of its hourly rated employees. And Chevrolet—heretofore the only one of the low-priced auto companies which maintained production at 1955 levels—announced a 10 per cent cutback in May compared with April. It has meanwhile laid off 5,500 workers over the past three weeks. The auto industry's car output hit the lowest levels of the year last week. Output totalled 114,047 units, compared with 127,129 in the preceding week and 172,007 in the like period in 1955.

Meanwhile, General Motors said it would close down its auto assembly plants tomorrow until Monday to get its production more in balance with customer demand.

The automobile glut has cut down on auto earnings this year. General Motors made the best showing of any of the "big three" during the first quarter. Its net income during the first quarter declined 8.6 per cent, compared with declines of 28 per cent and 68 per cent, respectively, for Ford Motors and Chrysler.

The terrific competition in the industry has taken its toll of the major producers as well as the so-called independents, with the latter hardest hit. General Motors accounts for 55 per cent of auto production, Ford taking 26 per cent. Chrysler has about 15 per cent, and indications are that it will lag even more this year. That leaves only about 4 per cent for the two independents—Studebaker-Packard and American Motors, both of which lost money in 1955. General Motors and Ford rolled up tremendous profits.

Rumours Rampant

And last week the spotlight was on Studebaker-Packard with its disappointing first quarter earnings report. It disclosed losses of 14.3 million for the March quarter. That's double the deficit a year ago. The company's sales were off some 30 per cent from the 1955 level. Meanwhile the company has been having trouble raising new millions for its future operations and company executives have been huddling in New York to find a solution for its financial plight.

Rumours have been rampant all week that Studebaker-Packard was seeking merger with a non-automotive firm. Mentioned most frequently is Curtiss-Wright, an aeroplane engine manufacturer. Curtiss-Wright, while denying a merger is in the offing, acknowledges that it has been negotiating with Studebaker - Packard. There's talk also that Studebaker-Packard is seeking new defence orders to bolster its credit position or else some new sources of working capital.

Now the company says that whereas it once had planned major changes in its 1957 models it is now thinking more conservative lines. Changes in the new models will be "more confined," it announced, disclosing that it would close down its assembly plant in Detroit about June 15 for model changeover. No resumption date has been given.

Less Pessimistic

Industry leaders talk optimistically about the future. They're counting on a big pick-up in sales as the weather turns seasonably warmer. They insist the cold weather so far has hampered sales efforts.

Auto dealers, however, are less confident about the future. They're complaining about the profit margin is being narrowed, they say. Many dealers have already had to close up.

The less pessimistic in the industry emphasise that by any standard other than the record 1955, this year will be a good one for the industry. The industry turned out 7.9 million cars in 1955, and estimates are that it will certainly turn out more than 6,000,000 this year, with sales expected to be pretty much in line with production.

The industry is also hopeful about selling 1956 models. Yet, a lot of people who won't want to be paying higher prices for the 1957 models. There's talk next year's models will be considerably changed from this year's models, with some new mechanical features. The industry also is expecting that 1957 will see a boost in price.

Meanwhile, Walter Reuther President of the United Auto Workers Union, called for a joint labour-management conference to deal with what he described as an "alarming" situation in the auto and farm equipment industries. Reuther said his own estimates show that 60,000 have been laid off at General Motors, 18,000 at Ford and 46,000 at Chrysler this year. Studebaker has laid off 7,800 this year, with 9,200 out of work at American Motors.

Timing Review

Reuther called for a review of the auto industry by municipal, company and union representatives. He suggested a review of current inventories as they relate to normal market needs, a discussion on unemployment in the industry, automation and its effect.

He suggested also a discussion of possible measures aimed at stabilising production and employment and a review of the timing of the introduction of new models as it affects the industry.—United Press.

UN ECONOMIC COMMISSION

New Delhi, May 13.

The UN Economic Commission for Asia and Far East revealed last week its Mineral Resources Development Sub-committee will hold its second session in Tokyo on June 12-17.

The session will consider mining development in Asia and the Far East, make a preliminary survey of legislation governing mineral developments in the region, and discuss a report of a group of geologists and mining engineers from the region who have been visiting in Europe and it will also make a study of the fuel economy of the region.—United Press.

NY Industrials Suffer Wide Decline

By Elmer Walzer

New York, May 11.

Industrial shares this past week suffered their widest decline on the stock market since the week ended January 20. Aside from that section the market showed strength among the major groups. The rails lost a trifle. Utilities rose 0.72, their widest weekly gain since March 9 when it was 1.36.

Rails were the stars for the first three days of the week. Demand for the rails reflected favourable statements on the earnings this year would match those of 1955 despite higher operation costs.

Utilities which are hard money investment issues reflected the tight money market which is seen as good for utilities but bad for industrials.

It was tight money and a horde of disturbing news from the automobile industry that hit the industrial shares.

WIDE GAINS

Before the market ran into trouble on Thursday, there had been some very wide gains attained by issues outside the group used to calculate the averages. Even after the selling, some of these issues managed to score good gains.

Industrials at 501.25 off 15.19 on the week and rails at 177.97 off 0.26 were at their lows of the week at the close on Friday.

Examples of the weekly losses in the industrial department give a clue to the big average decline. Du Pont fell 7¼, Bethlehem Steel 6¼, Allied Chemical 5½, Chrysler 2⅝, General Motors 1¼, General Foods, 3, Texas Co. 7¼ and US Steel 2⅛.

Among the rails, Missouri Pacific gained 8¼ on the week.

Gains in the specials ranged to more than 5 points in Hertz, Food Machinery, Owens Corning Fiberglass, and International Machines.—United Press.

Singapore Rubber Market

Singapore, May 13.

After business being done at over 80 cents mark earlier in the morning on Saturday, the market sagged on lack of trade support. At lower levels trade came in again and the market closed slightly better. Futures:

No. 1 rubber per lb.	May	85½-85⅝
	June	85½-85¾
	July	unquoted
No. 2 rubber per lb.	May	84-84⅛
No. 3 "	"	83¼-83¾
No. 4 "	"	81½-82
Spot rubber unbaled		85⅛-85⅞
Blanket crepe		78-80
No. 1 pale crepe		101-103

—United Press.

LONDON STOCK MARKET QUIET

By C. T. Hallinan

London, May 13.

The stock market was rather quiet this past week. Now and again a good company report has aroused buying or a disappointing one has inspired selling but in the main people seemed to be preoccupied with tidying up their positions.

But the trend was downward in British Government stocks and in the leading industries. The biggest movement was the decline in oil shares.

This section was apparently very much upset by British Petroleum's "phantom dividend" erroneously announced last week by a news agency—not the United Press — and apparently a good many customers of oil shares cleared out at least for the time being.

British Petroleum, despite oil's excellent reports and its excellent real dividend, lost 8 shillings, closing the week at 139s, while Royal Dutch fell 1 1/8 sterling to 77 1/4 sterling, Canadian Eagle lost 5s and Burmah Oil 4s. One trouble with the sector is that prices are high and the investors current return on the dovidends is low; it takes less courage to sell than to buy.

Depressed

Blue chip industrials were completely haphazard.

The Rolls Royce boy slipped (old pald) rose 2 shillings 9 pence and the oil shares were up 3s 6d.

Unilever lost 4s, Marks and Spencer lost 2s 6d and a long list of familiar like Imperial Chemicals, Courtaulds, the two tobacco giants and Woolworths lost 1s or 1s 6d.

British Government — apart from the short-dated ones—were certainly depressed by the news each day. They often seem to display a sensitiveness to news of any sort that suggests strain; the exports to North America in April were encouraging at first glance accumulating rapidly a really adequate supply of gold and dollars for the autumn months. War Loan ended the week down 17s 6d; in more normal times movements of 2s 6d up or down would be enough for a week. Old Consols and Daltons lost 15s as did some of the nationalisation stocks.—United Press.

Banking Policy Challenge

Canberra, May 13.

A private member's bill to amend the Government's banking control policy has been introduced in the Australian House of Representatives by a Government member, Mr. H. Bate. Political observers see his bill as a challenge to the Government's bank control policy. Mr Bate said the bill was designed to separate the Commonwealth Trading Bank completely from the Commonwealth Bank and place it under independent policy management as well as independent technical management.

The current banking legislation, which is sponsored by the Menzies Government, provides for single control of both the Commonwealth Bank and the Commonwealth Trading Bank by a Board under the chairmanship of a bank governor.—China Mail Special.

U.S. Textile Market Review

New York, May 13.

New business in grey and finished cotton textiles developed at a discouragingly slow pace last week.

Mill executives said the buying boom in print cloths under way at the end of April, shrivelled to near a banishing of events included: 1. The slow-down in consumer buying in the wake of persistent unseasonably cold-rainy weather; 2. Raw cotton price uncertainties; 3. Curtailed demand for industrial fabrics; 4. The stock market reversal, with securities losing nearly all of the gains made from the April low point.

"Poor weather" can be blamed more than anything else for the present shadowy business picture for textiles, one observer felt.

The outstanding business done last week involved sales of around 15,000,000 yards of tobacco cloths for third quarter delivery to the U.S. government. Apart from that, other uses of tobacco cloths moved slowly while they watched the uncertain course of raw cotton prices.

PRODUCTION CUT

The darkest portion of the picture centred in the market for wide industrial makers, some mills working on wide goods cut production from five to four days. But with Detroit still uncertain what types of fabrics will be used in 1957 cars, some further curtailment may be put into effect shortly.

Yarn spinners repeated the story told by the weavers. With the slow trading pace in sales yarn for the past two months, southern manufacturers have been able to catch up on backlogs booked during the first quarter buying spurt. Some spinners thought market activity will resume in a few weeks, but with the probability of slightly lower prices.

In rayon grey good dealers said the prolonged period of slow business has been complicated this spring by cold weather. Millions of yards of goods remained unsold that normally have moved into spring and summer stocks. Price easiness has been noted at the grey goods level as well as on some print cloths.—United Press.

The Bank Of England Statement

London, May 13.

The Bank of England statement for the week ended May 9, reads as follows:—

	sterling
Note in circulation	1,856,691,130
Public deposits	19,722,644
Private deposits	302,906,032
Government securities	278,561,829
Other securities	40,273,071
Receipts	21,633,239
Ratio	0.7

—United Press.

The Bank Of France Statement

Paris, May 13.

The Bank of France statement for the week ended May 3, reads as follows:—

	francs
Total gold holdings	301,304,302,428
Total other currencies	18,054,000,000
Sight balance abroad	
to EPU	152,310,000,000
Advance to Stabilisation Fund	181,700,000,000
Total bills discounted	1,305,890,000,000
Bank notes in circulation	2,873,080,000,000
Current accounts and deposits	276,775,000,000

—United Press.

New York Cotton Futures' Late Rally

By William T. Plunkett

New York, May 13.

Cotton futures climaxed a week of extra-slow dealings with a smart closing rally. At Friday's close the list ruled unchanged to 45 points—unchanged to 2.25 a bale—higher than the preceding week.

Nearby July contracts became the outstanding leader on the recovery. Buying in that month was encouraged by its discount of more than $8 a bale under the spot May delivery, where dealings will end on Monday.

Technicians supposed the July contract would inherit some of the strength apparent in May for some time. The spot month has held at the season's best level of 35.98 cents a pound for more than a week. Open contracts in May at the week-end were estimated around 25,000 bales. The certificated stock totalled 12,428 bales.

Uncertainty

Until late Thursday afternoon, trading moved along at an extremely quiet pace. The daily average of sales ranged around 60,000 bales, or about half the volume done in the same period a month ago.

The belated buying spurt coincided with reports that few, if any, additional sales made during the week out of the government's surplus stock of raw cotton.

Uncertainty over government policy for handling export sales of surplus raw cotton at competitive world prices, and a disposition to await congressional action on the farm bill, were factors acting to shackle market activity in the forepart of the week.

Some traders were confused over the market reaction of the reports of small sales made so far under the export programme. Limited sales, they felt, are contrary to the object of the plan which is to move out the surplus with expedition.

Some traders explained the stimulating market effect of the small sales as a technical market situation. The buying spurt was credited to traders who had put out hedges in the futures market in anticipation of being among the successful bidders for government cotton. When the merchant failed to get the cotton expected he presumably immediately bought back his hedges.—United Press.

SLUMPING TEA PRICES

Colombo, May 13.

Slumping tea prices has caused Commerce Minister R. G. Senanayake to allow the shipment of medium teas directly to the London auctions without any restrictions.

This concession will be valid until June 30, it was announced today. Shipment of high grown teas will continue on present basis, the government allowing 32,500,000 pounds to be shipped directly to London. There are no restrictions on low growns.

The government has been permitted shipments to the Mincing Lane auctions of 65,000,000 pounds yearly, divided equally between high and medium grown teas.

The minister's decision was prompted by a virtual collapse of prices in the Colombo tea sales on Tuesday when prices of most grades registered big drops due to the decline in quality and the pressure of huge stocks offered for sale. The government's decision means that dealers will thus be able to withhold medium teas from the Colombo sales for shipment to London without restrictions.—United Press.

U.S. SUGAR BILL TO BE PASSED

Washington, May 13.

House and Senate conferees agreed last Saturday on a compromise sugar bill expected to speed through both Houses of Congress within this week.

The conferees adopted a formula which would strike a medium between the extremes of treatments for Cuba, Mexico, Peru, the Dominican Republic and other foreign suppliers.

Under the compromise formula, which would go into effect next January 1, Cuba would market an estimated 11,854,000 tons of sugar in the United States over the next four years.

During the same period, Peru would be permitted to market some 291,000 tons; the Dominican Republic, 221,000 tons; Mexico, 152,000 tons.—United Press.

US RAW COTTON EXPORTS

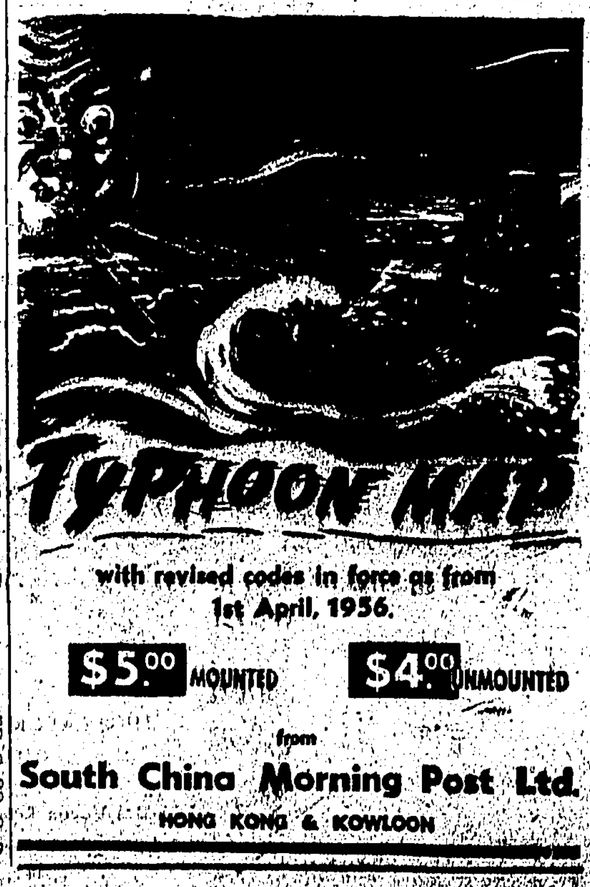
New York, May 13.

Raw cotton exports by destination as reported in bales by the New York Cotton Exchange for the 1955-56 season to May 8 were as follows:—

Britain	109,716
Continent	465,973
Orient	864,581
Canada	112,700
Total for season*	1,551,970
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* excluding linters

—United Press.



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Drugs Trial: Second Accused In Box

Evidence that he rented the house on behalf of another man in Caroline Hill Road, where a quantity of heroin and drug-making paraphernalia were found in a Police raid, was given by the second accused at the trial of four men at the Victoria District Court this morning.

Yue Wing-hoi, Kuk Tai-chiu, Kuk Ngan-chiu and Wong Wah are charged before Judge K. R. Macfee with dangerous drug offences.

The first charge alleges that second, third and fourth accused on February 21, this year, had possession of 120 grammes of morphine hydrochloride, 170 grammes of diacetyl-morphine hydrochloride and 25.4 litres of diacetyl-hydrochloride solution.

The second charge, against the same three accused, is that they conspired to manufacture heroin between August 1, 1955, and February 21, 1956.

In the third charge, second and third accused are charged with possession of 168 grammes of morphine hydrochloride on February 21, 1956.

The fourth charge, against the first accused alone, alleges that he permitted his premises to be used for storing dangerous drugs.

Mr Simon F. S. Li, Crown Counsel, is prosecuting, assisted by Divisional Detective Inspector J. M. Gurney.

Mr Y. H. Chan, of Lau, Chan and Ko, is representing first accused. Mr J. C. Stewart is defending the other three.

Originally, first accused was also charged with possession and conspiracy together with the others, but His Honour ruled he had no case to answer last week.

HERE 8 YEARS

Testifying on his own behalf this morning, second accused said he was a native of Shantung Province. He was single, and had been in the Colony for about eight years.

At the time of his arrest he lived at 109 Caroline Hill Road, third floor. First accused was his brother.

Before he came to Hongkong from Shantung in 1948, second accused went on, his parents gave him four gold bars worth $10,000. At the time, it was usual for people coming in from China to take much money or valuables with them.

He converted the gold into money and went to work in a place in Lockhart Road. His salary was not enough and he had to draw from his own capital to support himself.

Second accused said he worked at various other places thereafter. From time to time he met one To Chuen-din, a person he had known in Shantung. He did not know what business To carried on.

In December last year, he met the first accused, who told him he needed money and wanted to sublet or transfer the tenancy of his house at 100 Caroline Hill Road, third floor.

Accused said he passed this information to To, who asked him to rent the place on his behalf. On To's instructions, he rented the flat in his own name from first accused. To gave him the money to pay rent.

PROMISED JOB

To had told him earlier that if he was able to find a flat for him he would give him a job in that flat as a "worker." To stipulated that his work would be to tidy up the place and to shop.

On January 1, second accused continued, he started working with To. He was paid $80 a month in advance.

To, however, did not move into the premises himself. He only brought in some pieces of furniture. On February 13, To brought in a large quantity of paraphernalia, which included the exhibits in Court.

Hearing is proceeding.

ARRIVAL OF NEW DEPUTY COMMANDANT

Lt-Col T. F. C. Hamilton, new Deputy Commandant of the Royal Hongkong Defence Force, arrived here in the troopship Empire Ken from the United Kingdom this morning to take up his post. He was accompanied by Mrs Hamilton.

Col Hamilton is succeeding Lt-Col O. F. Newton Dunn who is leaving Hongkong in the Italian liner Victoria on May 28.

Col Newton Dunn arrived here on July 2, 1953 and with his three years here has served longer than any Deputy Commandant. He belongs to the same Regiment as Col H. B. Rose—the Wiltshire Regiment (the Duke of Edinburgh's)—who was the last Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps Commandant before and during the war.

Col Hamilton's last command was the Territorial Battalion of his Regiment—Royal Northumberland Fusiliers—in Northumberland.

Tsimsatsui Fire

A small fire broke out at No. 7, Hanoi Road, second floor, Tsimsatsui at about 12 noon today, when a kerosene stove caught alight in the kitchen.

The fire was extinguished before the fire engines arrived. No casualties were reported.

A Musical Group Worth Hearing

The North Staffordshire Chamber Group presented a most interesting programme at their second concert last night, at the New Method College Hall. As happens too often, the audience was not large enough. This excellent Group has now shown that it has qualities that should attract a far larger audience, and music-lovers are urged to go and listen to these young players on any future occasoin they should appear.

With the exception of the soloists — tenor singer and pianist (also the accompanist), all the musicians were wind-players. The programme included two quintets, a trio and an octet. A Haydn Trio for two clarinets and bassoon opened the concert. This was a somewhat unusual combination for Haydn, who used the clarinet far less than Mozart. The playing was neat and precise, though somewhat unvaried in expression.

The major work of the concert was Mozart's lovely Octet for two oboes, two clarinets two horns and two bassoons. This work is entitled "Serenade" and indeed conveys the idea of "Evening Music" which is near the real meaning of the word.

SPRIGHTLY

Of the five movements, the most successful were the beautifully serene third, and the last two—the fourth a Scherzo and the fifth a gay Rondo, both based on the same opening figure. The fourth movement particularly was played with a delightful sprightliness. Bandmaster L. Camplin, the Musical Director and first oboe, is a leader of quality and has a dash and elegance that lend distinction to his sound musical playing. There was a style, finish and fullness about this performance which obviously indicated hard, strict and spirited work at rehearsals.

Both the quintets were minor items, but pleasing. The first was an Overture by a French composer, Caillet, and in this Dr C. K. Wong and his flute, always welcome in any concert programme, joined Mr Camplin and his oboe, and Messrs Saunders, Davidson and Watkins and their clarinet, horn and bassoon respectively. It is a curious, not unpleasant little work with some skilful dialogue among the instruments. The other quintet was actually a movement from a Quintet for oboe, two clarinets, horn and bassoon by Karg-Elert, a German composer who died in 1933, and who wrote several works for various combinations of wind instruments. It is instructed to be played in a manner "very lively with humour" and the musicians responded in the right spirit, with a gay and humorous performance.

TENOR SOLOIST

The tenor soloist was Mr H. Metcalf, whom we had heard at the previous concert. He sang two groups of English songs and ballads with feeling, good diction and control. He was accompanied by Mr J. Gibson, who also played a piano solo, Brahm's Rhapsody in G minor. It would have been advisable to take this throughout at a quicker tempo, and with rather more contrast between the boisterousness of the opening and the mysterious atmosphere of the middle sections.

We must not omit to mention the introductory prelude, two piano solos by two young ladies who played at the "Concert of Youth" last year, Terry Lowe and Angela Chou. Mr Bernard Ho makes a point of presenting young players of promise, and is to be congratulated for encouraging them. And I shall certainly look forward to hearing the North Staffordshire Group again.—X.X.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

"On The Record"

Sir,—Like anyone else of British extraction, I expect you will not object to honest comment and criticism, and perhaps your readers will welcome another's personal opinion.

For some weeks I have been ploughing through the Wednesday column which you facetiously call "On the Record," and never in a long life of reading the public prints have I come across such asinine and pointless reading matter. Whoever you engage to write this column has more than a one-track mind, he has an obsession for Philips' records and Radio Hongkong, neither of which are comparable to the best in recordings or broadcasting.

If this is a record column, let him deal with only records, if it is a broadcasting column then at least John Dell (or whatever you may wish to call him) might be fair and give some small space to the increasingly popular programmes broadcast by Rediffusion, who show real imagination and an obviously genuine interest in what the public likes and wants. Use your blue pencil, please, on any more drivel about that completely amateur programme "Beginner's Please" which always makes us ask, "yes, but why begin on us?"

Personally, all my friends and certainly myself feel that Rediffusion is the only honest-to-goodness broadcasting station in the colony that gives value for money, although, having a radio from force of habit I pay $20 a year for a very doubtful service. If the China Mail wishes to publish a weekly entertainment column, which is a commendable idea, then please have your writers consider the matter from all angles, and not only from that of Radio Hongkong who should be heartily ashamed of some of the programmes they broadcast in the name of 'entertainment.'

JOHN F. SIMONS.

"Hostage" Son Back In HK

Mr Fu Yam-chiu, the Macao multi-millionaire's son who was reported being held by the Chinese Communists for ransom, is now in Hongkong.

This was confirmed by his secretary and members of the staff of the Tak Kee Shipping and Trading Company, of which he is Managing Director. They also confirmed that he returned here in the mv Tai Loy from Macao early yesterday morning.

Advance Party Arrives

An advance party of nine officers and 47 men of the First Battalion of the Green Howards Regiment arrived in the troopship Empire Ken from the United Kingdom this morning for garrison duty. The party was under the command of Major G. Scrope.

The main body of the Regiment is due to arrive in the Empire Fowey by the end of next month.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"That new perfume I borrowed from you is overrated—he still just sits there and talks about books, science and art!"

ACTRESS SUES HK FILM COMPANY

Hearing of a claim by a movie actress for $14,000 being balance of salary due was adjourned to 2.30 p.m. today by Mr Justice J. R. Gregg in the Supreme Court this morning.

The defendants who are counter-claiming $30,000 for alleged breach of contract filed amendments to their statement of defence this morning, and the Court adjourned until this afternoon to enable Counsel for the plaintiff to consider them.

Plaintiff is Chu Ying of 28 Robinson Road, ground floor. She is represented by Mr Lawrence Leong, instructed by Mr P. Wong of Messrs M. K. Lam and Company.

Mr Oswald Cheung, instructed by Mr M. E. Ives of Messrs Peter Mo and Company appears for the defendants, S. K. Cheong, proprietor, and the Sun Hua Motion Picture Company of 32-C Braga Circuit.

Mr Cheung applied to the Court for leave to amend the statement of defence.

Asked why the application for amendments was not done earlier, Counsel said the reason was that his client (the first defendant) was away from the Colony until last week.

His Lordship remarked that this should have been done in Chambers some time ago.

NOTHING STARTLING

Mr Cheung agreed the matter should have been attended to earlier. Counsel then handed up to the Court a new statement of defence incorporating the proposed amendments. He said there was nothing startling in them and would not take his learned friend by surprise.

Mr Cheung apologised for not having applied for leave to amend before now. He explained that his client was away and his Counsel who had been retained in the case thought the pleadings were adequate. He said he was entirely in his Lordship's hands on the matter of costs. If Mr Leong wanted a short adjournment to consider the amendments he had no objection, he said.

Opposing the application, Mr Leong said that the amendments amounted to a complete change of the defence. The application to amend at the trial itself did not only embarrass the plaintiff, but also the Court, because that in itself destroyed the object of the pleadings. He said his learned friend had not cited any authority in support of his application to amend the whole of his pleadings at the commencement of the trial.

COURT'S POWER

Mr Cheung referred the Court to Order 6, Rules 1 and 9 of the Code of Civil Procedure where he said the Court may at any stage of the proceedings allow either party to alter or amend his pleadings.

Counsel said that very often it happened that the evidence adduced was at variance with the pleadings and the Court would give leave to amend even after the close of the plaintiff's case. He did not wish to do that here. He was willing to pay the costs and he would raise no objection if his learned friend should ask for an adjournment to amend his statement of claim if necessary.

After a short consultation with his instructing solicitor, Mr Leong said that he would require half a day's adjournment. He did not know whether it would be necessary to file a reply. He estimated that the plaintiff's case would probably take half a day.

The application for amendments was allowed, with costs to the plaintiff. Hearing was adjourned until this afternoon.

Two Soldiers Court Martialled

Two British soldiers appeared before a Court Martial at H.Q. Forward Maintenance Area, Shamshuipo, this morning on charges of breach of good order and military discipline; absence without leave; using insubordinate language to a superior officer; and escaping from military custody.

The accused are Signalman Victor Edward Allen and Signalman Roy Desmond Hopkins, of the Hongkong Signal Regiment and Independent Lines Squadron.

Hopkins, who admitted all the charges, is represented by Capt. R. M. Wright, Royal Signals.

Allen pleaded not guilty to breach of good order and military discipline and escaping from military custody. He is defended by Capt. E. Thompson, Royal Signals.

Maj. J. N. Evans is prosecuting and the Court comprises Maj. D. O. Sibley, R. A. (President); and Capt. K. W. Tucker, R. A., and Lieut. W. W. G. Owens R. A. (Members).

Harbour Tragedy Victims

The four persons who were drowned in last night's fatal traffic accident at Connaught Road, West, near Water Street, have been identified as:

Kwok Jan, male, driver of the vehicle, age and address not yet known.

Wong Ying-kei, male, age 46, of No 5, Jubilee Street, 1st floor.

Wong Yuk-wah, female, age 38, of No 5, Jubilee Street, 1st floor.

Cheung Oi-chun, female, age 23, address not yet known.

Signal Hoisted

The strong monsoon signal was hoisted at 1.50 this morning.

Conviction Against Woman Motorist Quashed

A conviction on a traffic summons against Mrs N. Norris of 7 Peak Pavilions, was quashed by Mr Justice C. W. Reece in the Appeal Court this morning. The endorsement on her driving licence was ordered to be removed.

Crown Counsel, Mr W. S. Collier did not support the conviction.

Mrs Norris was convicted by Mr Thomas Tam on March 16 for driving a car without reasonable consideration for other persons using the road. The incident occurred outside the Blind Home in Pokfulam Road on December 17 last year. She was found guilty, cautioned and her licence was to be endorsed.

Represented by Mr Y. H. Chan, Mrs Norris appealed against the conviction on the grounds that the Magistrate misdirected himself in law as to what amounted to reasonable consideration in the circumstances; that the conviction was unreasonable and could not be supported by the evidence; that Mrs Norris was not guilty of the offence.

Crown Counsel, Mr Collier, told Mr Justice Reece that he found it difficult to support the conviction.

He said that the Magistrate seemed to have spent more of his time considering whether the other driver was at fault and it seemed that the basis of his finding was if the other driver was not at fault, then the appellant was.

VISITS SCENE

Mr Collier said that he himself went to the scene of the accident and found that the view was entirely obscured by a tree and came to the conclusion that it was consistent with an accident having happened. The Magistrate seemed to have brushed aside the appellant's explanation that her view was obscured by a wall and a tree and did not give proper weight to the evidence.

The other driver said that the speed of the car coming out was 22 mph. Not only was that impossible in view of the circumstances, but he could not have given any idea of the speed at all, Crown Counsel said.

Mr Justice Reece allowed the appeal, quashed the conviction and ordered the endorsement to be removed.

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6, Time Signal and Programme Summary; 6.03, Stock Market Report; 6.06, Highlights in Variety; 6.30, "A Family Affair." A new series of features on international collaboration prepared by United Nations Radio. No. 8 'Order in the Sky'; 6.45, "Box 200" 'Bert Gillett at the Organ (OB); 7, Popular Classics; 7.30, Viewpoint. A Weekly Magazine devoted to the Arts. Edited and introduced by Janet Tomblin; 7.59, Weather Report; 8, Time Signal and the News (London Relay); 8.00, Commentary (London Relay) or Special Announcements; 8.15, Evening Star—Sammy Davis Jr; 8.30, Latin American Music. Xavier Cugat and his Orch. with Abbe Lane; 9, Time Signal. Off the Beaten Track presented by Timothy Birch (Studio); 9.30, Piano Recital by Lam Hung Hee (Concert Hall); 10, Dick Bentley and Jimmy Edwards in "Take it from Here." Alma Cogan, June Whitfield, Wallas Eaton with the Keynotes (BBCTS). Repeat of last Saturday's Broadcast; 10.30, Five Past of Swing; 10.50, Weather Report; 11, Time Signal. Radio News Reel (London Relay); 11.15, Goodnight Music; 11.30, Close Down.

REDIFFUSION

2 p.m. Variety Calls the Tune; 3, Crime Does not Pay—Starring Robert Lowery; 3.30, Music by Lopez—With Guest Artists; 4, Romances of the World—The Story of Desiree, Queen of Sweden; 4.15, Tea for Two; 4.30, Strictly Instrumental; 5, Children's Corner—Conducted by Auntie Margaret; 5.30, Monday Requests—Presented by Betty; 6.28, Birthday Mailbag; 6.30, La Musique Francaise—Presented by Jeannette Piry; 7, Personality Parade—Noel Coward; 7.15, Interview with Prof. Charles Wells, Professor of Surgery in the University of Liverpool; 7.30, Eddie Fisher with Axel Stordahl's Orchestra; 7.45, "The Final Year"—The Story of a Mother's Course; 8, Time Signal and the News; 8.09, Weather Report, Announcements and Interlude; 8.10, Cy Grant and his Guitar; 8.30, Gypsy Caravan; 9, "Personal Call"—A play written by Agatha Christie and produced by Ayton Whitaker; 9.30, "Academic Festival Overture" (Brahms) (played by the Concertgebouw Orchestra of Amsterdam conducted by Eduard van Beinum) "Rhapsody in G Minor, Op. 79, No. 2" (Brahms) (played by Badura Skoda). "Hungarian Dance No. 3 in F Major." (Brahms) (played by the London Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Clemens Krauss), "Violin Concerto in D, Opus 61" (Beethoven) (played by Jascha Heifetz and the N.B.C. Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Arturo Toscanini); 10.30, Concert by the Symphonic Orchestra of the United States Air Force; 11, Hits of Last Hour; 11.30, Prelude to Midnight—Popular Concert Favourites; 12, midnight, Close Down.

Appeal By Pickpocket Dismissed

In the Appeal Court this morning, Mr Justice J. Reynolds dismissed an appeal by a man whom he called "obviously a professional pickpocket."

The appellant was Wong Fei who was sentenced to three months by Mr A. A. Huggins at the New Territories Court on April 5 for loitering with intent and fined $500 or two months for breach of a bond.

Wong denied that he was loitering. He said that he went to Shatin on April 1 to "worship at the tomb of my ancestors."

An informer who had been in prison with him, pointed him out to the Police and he was arrested as a suspected bunisher, said Wong. He complained that he was detained for 30 hours before being charged.

DISCREPANCY

The Judge pointed out that at his trial Wong said he was in Shatin to look for a person and did not mention anything about his ancestors' tombs.

Wong explained that his purpose was two-fold—to worship his ancestors and to look for a friend.

He added that he had two women with him but could not locate them to give evidence on his behalf.

Mr Justice Reynolds found that there was abundant evidence upon which the Magistrate was entitled to convict him and as there was no merit in the appeal at all, the sentence would run from today.

Reservoirs Lose Over Weekend

Despite the light rains of the week-end, the Colony's reservoirs lost ten million gallons in the 48-hour period ending at 8 o'clock this morning.

Total storage was given by the Water Authority as 1,245 million gallons compared with 1,255 million gallons on Saturday. Consumption was 41 million gallons (22 million on Saturday and 19 million on Sunday) and the yield was 31 million gallons (14 million on Saturday and 17 million on Sunday).

Rainfall registered up to 8 o'clock this morning was .98 of an inch on the Island and .52 of an inch on the Mainland.

Street Thefts

A wallet containing cash and private papers was stolen from a Chinese woman pedestrian in Queen's Road West at 2 p.m. yesterday. At 10.20 p.m. the same day, a pickpocket relieved a man of his fountain pen in Spring Garden Lane, Eastern district. A suspect has been detained in connection with this latter offence.

In Kowloon, a pair of earrings was stolen from a woman walking in Fa Yuen Street, Mongkok, at 11 a.m. yesterday. In the evening, a necklace was stolen from a woman in Lai Chi Kok Road, Shamshuipo, while a wrist watch was snatched from a woman pedestrian in Fuk Wah Street, also in the Shamshuipo district. A man stole a handbag containing cash from a European woman in Clear Water Bay Road, near Diamond Hill, at 9.35 p.m. yesterday.

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